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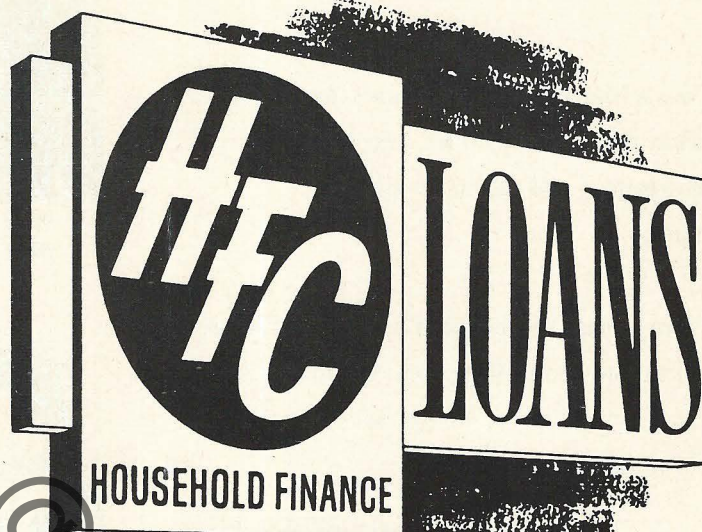
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Jack White of the Marlboro Organization, and Chief Scout Bob Davidson, on the left, talk with Clark Simpson from Winnipeg and Jim Tye, Leaf Scout in Fergus.



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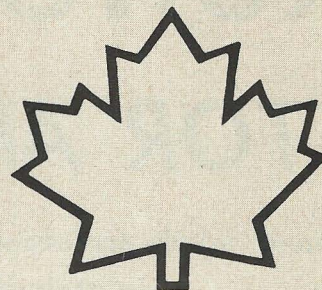
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# BRUNO GERUSSI —

## ACTOR AND HOCKEY FAN

A man, who's profession is the entertaining of vast numbers of people, is himself entertained by the action that is professional hockey!

By MARGARET SCOTT

THE first time I saw Bruno Gerussi at close range was last spring when he was in a box seat in Maple Leaf Gardens watching the Maple Leafs play the Canadiens in the Stanley Cup finals.

Even if he hadn't been recognizable as Gerussi the actor he was distinguishable in other ways. He wore dark pants and a black leather jacket that perfectly matched his thatch of curly hair and piercing eyes that seemed to take in everything. It took an approximate ten seconds to discover which side would draw his cheers. The instant Toronto took control of the puck he leaned forward, identifying himself with the action, perhaps subconsciously going up the ice with the team that won his support many years ago.

It seemed incongruous that this was the man who had been invited to the Stratford Shakespearian Festival in 1954, and six years later was chosen by the festival's Michael Langham to play Romeo opposite the renowned and gentle Julie Harris. Today, he's hailed as one of Canada's finest stage performers and we'll be fortunate if we can keep him in this country indefinitely.

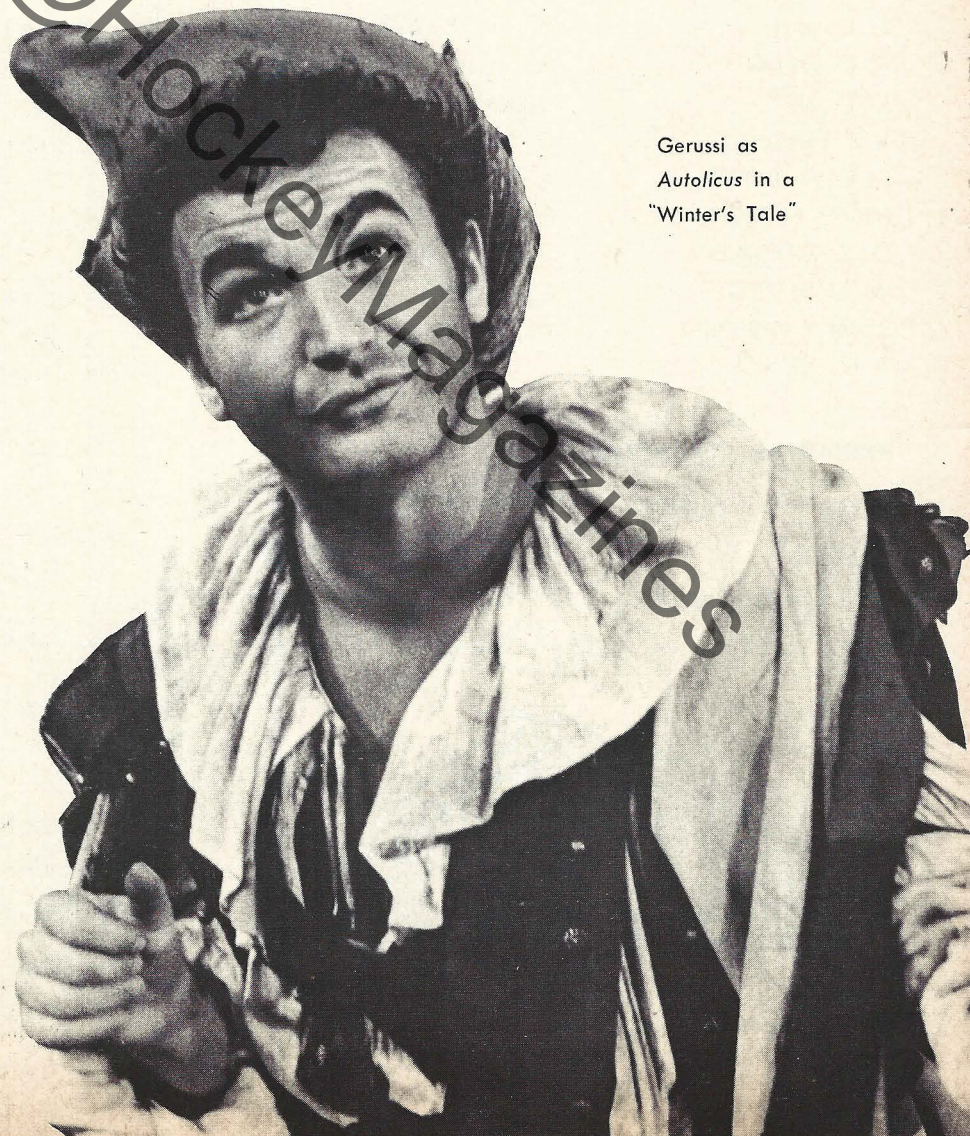
Gerussi was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, but left there at the early age of six months to live near Banff until the family moved to Vancouver nine years later. Reminiscing about those early years when hockey crept into his blood he spoke graphically and softly, as though the recollections pleased him. "I learned to skate and play hockey when I was very young, because kids do in that part of the country," he said. "Why, almost as soon as they can walk they put on a

pair of skates. I remember how the Bow River used to freeze over and we would skate on it and play hockey in a most primitive way, with no equipment, getting tremendous smacks across the shins."

In the days when Gerussi lived in that tiny mountain hamlet 25 miles from Banff the winters were long and hard and often made the inhabitants

temporarily isolated so hockey was, indeed, the main thing on a young boy's mind. "I have vivid recollections of spending my Saturday nights listening to Foster Hewitt broadcast the Maple Leaf games, not an original story by any means, but that's how they became my team," he revealed. "To get a sweater with a Maple Leaf

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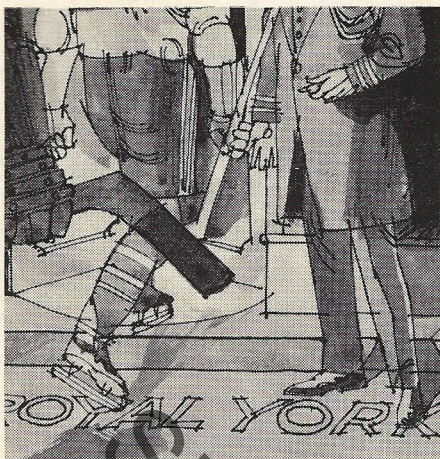
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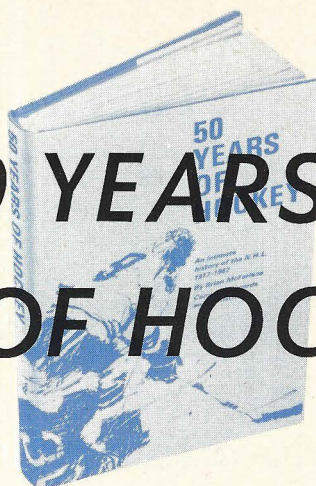
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*The above is the title of a new hockey book by Hockey Night in Canada's Brian McFarlane. The book captures the changing face of hockey during the fifty years since the N.H.L. was conceived on a chill November day in 1917, with full mention of the great men of hockey and the great games played. Permission has been granted by the author and publishers of "50 Years of Hockey" to reproduce portions of the book in this and succeeding Gardens' programmes. The following paragraphs have been selected from a chapter titled "The War Years and After."*

—Editor.

**A**S it did every segment of North American life, so the Second World War drastically affected the game of hockey. Many great or potentially great careers were at best interrupted or at worst terminated as players enlisted in the armed forces and others were frozen in essential war work and forbidden to cross the border to play. Experts have been arguing ever since as to whether some of the records set in that era would have been established had the caliber of the opposition been finer, yet who could seriously take away from the achievement of the great Rocket Richard in scoring 50 goals in 50 games in 1944-45, or his still standing playoff scoring record of 12 goals in 9 games set in the same year.

No overtime became the rule as a wartime measure to ensure that trains would be caught, and the face of the game changed completely with the institution of the center red line, something that returning players in the post war era would have to adapt to or pass from the scene.

Unquestionably the war hastened the demise of the staggering New York Americans, the hard-luck team which never once won a Stanley Cup; it also reduced the New York Rangers

to such desperate straits that Lester Patrick must have bitterly regretted having been dissuaded from his original plan to suspend operations until the end of hostilities. But, with the blessings of the Canadian and American governments which both declared hockey essential to national morale, and the cheers of an ever-increasing number of rabid fans, hockey carried on.

The game lost one of its greatest architects and greatest friends in 1943 with the death of Frank Calder who had been the N.H.L. president since the League's inception in 1917. Hockey was equally fortunate in his successors: the colorful Red Dutton who carried on until 1946 and Clarence Campbell who, on returning from active service overseas, assumed the onerous duties he still discharges so capably today.

The Montreal Canadiens arrested the downward slide which had begun after their last Stanley Cup in 1931 and, under the tutelage of Dick Irvin, began the climb to become the great powerhouse of the Fifties and Sixties. Four times League Champions and twice Stanley Cup winners in the decade, they ended the period with

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Marcel Pronovost

# ONE OF THE CLASS GUYS IN HOCKEY

By RED BURNETT

The Toronto Star

**K**ING CLANCY, who has been around the National Hockey League longer than any other person, has his own special honor roll for what he calls "The Class Guys in Hockey."

Marcel Pronovost, veteran Maple Leaf defenceman, is a member of this exalted society. It's reserved for players whose off-the-ice deportment matches their skill on the frozen cube.

Marcel, like Jean Beliveau, and other French-Canadian hockey players, rates as a top advertisement for the province of Quebec. Articulate in both French and English, he is big league all the way.

Last spring, in the Stanley Cup playoffs he and Larry Hillman turned in an excellent job on defence for the conquering Maple Leafs.

When the current season opened and Larry was missing because of salary problems, Pronovost moved in with Duane Rupp and was subject to criticism while adapting himself to the style of the Rochester grad.

Instead of using Hillman's absence as an alibi, Marcel tried harder and suffered in silence until he and Duane got their signals straightened out.

Then back came Hillman and there was another brief period of adjustment.

"Duane and I had our problems at first but we were in tune when Sam (Allan Stanley) was injured in Minnesota and Larry was recalled and became my partner again," said Marcel.

"I have worked with Hillman a number of times. I think I broke him in at Detroit. You get so as you instinctively know what your partner is going to do. This helps because you are in position to back his play.

"It took Duane and me a while to get used to each other's moves. I thought we were beginning to click real well when Hillman came back.

"I think that Rupp, a natural lefthand shot, would sooner play on the left side. And, he seems to fit well with Tim Horton. But like Larry, he can play both sides."

Did you have trouble learning the Leaf system after coming here from Detroit?

"Not really," was the reply. "The big thing is getting used to your new partners. I worked with Bobby Baun at first, then Kent Douglas and finally Hillman.

"When I broke in with the Red Wings I was lucky to have Bob Goldham as my partner and tutor. He was a great defensive player, knew all the tricks and was eager to impart his knowledge and cover up for a green kid's mistakes. That helped.

"He taught me how to move the puck as well as take a man out properly.

"To him, the most important thing was positioning yourself properly; making sure you were in the clear to take a pass from your mate in order to move that puck out of your own zone.

"He said: 'When I get the puck, you get in the clear and be alert. I'll give it to you and you can either move it to a forward, carry it out yourself or pass it back to me as I move in the clear.'

"He pointed out that he'd do the same for me. And, that if a pass looked like a poor gamble, the thing to do was freeze the puck and force a faceoff in your own zone or ice the darn thing out of danger.

"He was the greatest in my book.

"I hope I've been able to help the young guys who broke in alongside me as much as Goldie did when I arrived in Detroit."

How long do you expect to play?

"I have moved my family from Montreal to Metro Toronto on a full time basis and hope to spend the next three or four years here.





"My wife Cindy got tired of renting furnished places where you had to worry so much about other people's furniture. We now have our own stuff here and if the kids — they have three 'chosen children', Michael (13), Brigitte (10) and Leo (6) — scratch the furniture or accidentally break something you don't start hunting for a replacement and figuring out an explanation for the landlord. Our kids are very good, not the destructive type, but you can't always avoid accidents."

Marcel is not the boisterous type. He likes to curl up with a good book and is not what one would call a holler guy around the dressing room.

But if he has a beef he goes to the source of the problem. It could be a writer, radio TV type or the club brass. He gets the beef out of his system and that is the end of it.

If he figures he has a problem that concerns the hockey club, he doesn't grumble out loud, air his troubles to mates and the world in general. He'll make an appointment with the general manager and get things straightened out.

Jack Adams, who was the general manager of Detroit when Pronovost hit the Motor City, mentioned this fact in going out of his way to praise the defender after Sid Abel, current Wing G-M, had dealt him to Leafs.

"Marcel's a class guy, a credit to hockey," said Adams. "He made a number of trips to my office to clear the air when he thought he had a problem. Sometimes he was right, other times I thought he was wrong. But he never held a grudge and always gave his best. He is a real thoroughbred, the kind of guy who'll play despite injuries and can stand pain."

Pronovost admits that he didn't win all his debates with Adams. He has had a few losing arguments with George "Punch" Imlach since coming to Leafs. But the

troubles have never been serious. Just things he wanted to clear up.

"I have a loyalty to the man who pays my salary," explained Pronovost. "If I think I have a problem that's serious enough for his attention I make an appointment and get it off my chest. Like Mr. Adams, I have found Punch to be a reasonable man. He's willing to listen to your problems and help straighten things out. That's all I ask."

When it got around to the pain bit, the 37-year-old native of Lac la Tortue, Quebec — he actually spent most of his boyhood years in Shawinigan Falls — would sooner skip the injury bit.

He admits he has had his jaw broken three times, his nose battered from side to side on occasions, about 500 odd stitches taken to close wounds in his face, a broken ankle, torn knee ligaments, a cracked vertebrae, damaged elbows, shoulders and a cracked head.

Around Detroit, they recall how he played five Stanley Cup playoff games against Chicago on a broken ankle.

"It was a cracked bone," explained Marcel. "And, I agreed to play because the Stanley Cup is important to me and we were shooting for it. They froze the ankle the first four games. The fifth game they had to try a nerve block which deadened it from the knee down. It was like trying to skate on a piece of wood.

"The pain was excruciating and it took me a year and a half to get over the injury.

"Red Kelly played with a smashed bone in his foot that year. He was unjustly criticized by the press and it wasn't until Gord Howe revealed how badly we were hurt at a breakup banquet that members of the press were aware of how seriously Red and I had been hurt.

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# ONE OF THE CLASS GUYS IN HOCKEY

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"One thing about the redhead, he didn't let injuries keep him out if he could get on skates."

That holds good for Pronovost. In that series, he walked into the dressing room on crutches, stacked them in a corner and skated out.

He recalls the night that Rocket Richard broke his jaw with a swing of his stick just after Marcel had set Howe up for the tying goal in a 2-2 battle in Montreal.

"The Rocket got five minutes for that blow," chuckled Marcel. "And, I didn't miss a game. However, my face blew up like a balloon. A good friend of the family saw me after the game and I had to introduce myself.

"I stopped a shot in a Chicago series and had the jaw broken in two places but it didn't have to be wired and I was able to play.

"Funny, but the injury that I keep thinking about is one I had in my first year of pro with Omaha in the old United States Hockey League. I was looking for the puck between my feet when I tripped over the diving goalkeeper (I think it was Al Crowdis) and fell into the angle iron that supported the nets in those days. I was cut for a flock of stitches and had a doozer of a headache. I was forced to spend the night in hospital and it taught me to keep my head up.

"However, I still make the mistake of admiring my own passes or fishing for pucks between my feet on occasion.

"The result is nearly always the same. Some guy catches you with your head down. Pow! You're on your fanny and the embarrassment is usually worse than the bump."

Was he disappointed as a youngster when the Canadiens didn't knock on the family door and offer him a contract?

"Like all fellows, who are born and brought up in Quebec, I did dream of becoming a Canadien. But that soon changed and all I wanted to do was make the National Hockey League.

"When I got a chance to move to Windsor and play junior in the Detroit organization I was the happiest guy in the world. I played on some great teams at Detroit and now I am with the defending Stanley Cup champions in Toronto.

"Who could ask for more?"

He says he continues to play hockey because the money is excellent, the pension scheme wonderful but more important it is still fun and he enjoys most of the games.

When it becomes too tough, he'll hang up the skates.

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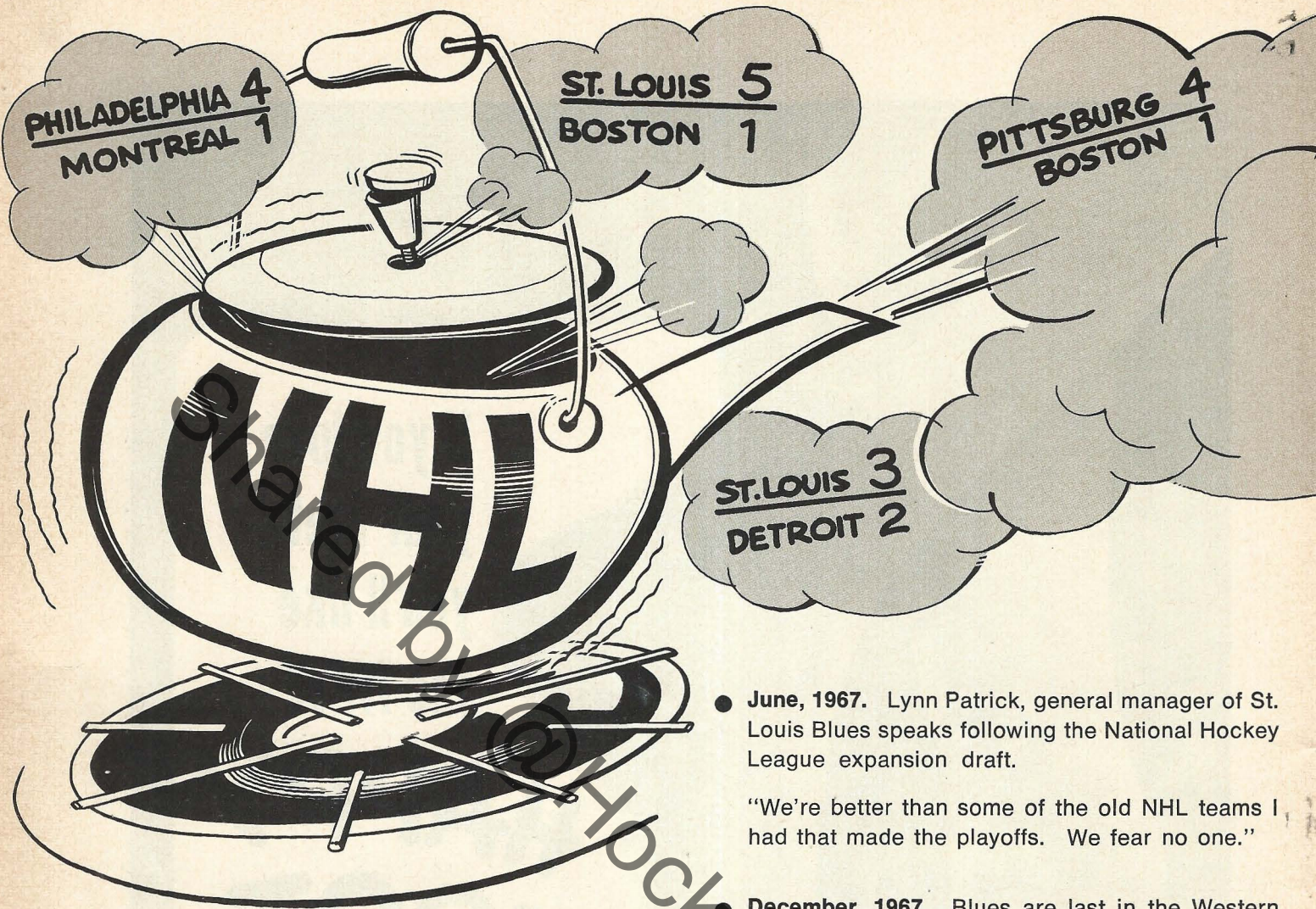
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WELL THE EXPANSION  
TEAMS WOULD DO?  
THE CONTROVERSY  
CONTINUES AS THE  
FACTS UNFOLD ...**

- **June, 1967.** Lynn Patrick, general manager of St. Louis Blues speaks following the National Hockey League expansion draft.

"We're better than some of the old NHL teams I had that made the playoffs. We fear no one."

- **December, 1967.** Blues are last in the Western Division of the NHL. Their roster occasionally contains names such as Ecclestone, St. Marseille, Kannegiesser.

- **June, 1967, News item:** "On paper at this stage, it looks as though California, Philadelphia and St. Louis got the best of the draft."

- **December, 1967:** California (now Oakland) has escaped the basement because St. Louis won't give it up. Philadelphia leads the new division. Oh, well, one out of three isn't bad.

- **June, 1967, News item:** "Jack Kent Cooke, his general manager Larry Regan and coach Red Kelly did such a questionable job of drafting players for their Los Angeles Kings that it will take them years to catch the other expansion teams, yet alone the established teams."

- **December, 1967.** Kings are second in their division. They hold victories over Toronto, Montreal and Chicago.



# EXPANSION

## ...a second look

By FRANK ORR

### ... REGARDLESS OF THESE,

**EXPANSION** is the most interesting thing to happen to the NHL since Bobby Hull was 18. New teams, new faces, new colors and some alternatives to the same old six clubs have made it a refreshing year to date.

Granted, some of the games between the old and the new have been about as lively as watching a guy ice-fishing. But, the first visit of Los Angeles (at the time undefeated) and Cooke and Kelly to Maple Leaf Gardens generated the most excitement in the old building since the night Hull was gunning for his 51st goal.

Expansion also had something to do with the marvellous race in the established division.

For instance, in other seasons, Montreal Canadiens could dip into their well-stocked farm system for high calibre replacements in time of injuries. This year, when Jean Beliveau, Henri Richard and John Ferguson were out, Canadiens found only inexperienced hands at Houston. Expansion stripped their farm system bare.

Had expansion not happened its doubtful if Chicago Black Hawks

would have swung the trade with Boston that gave Fred Stanfield, Phil Esposito and Ken Hodge to the Bruins. Hawks got defenseman Gilles Marotte, forward Pit Martin and goalie Jack Norris in return.

Chicago had too many top forwards to protect. Several of them would have been lost in the draft. Hawks swung a deal for an established defenseman while they still had some talent to trade.

That deal made Boston a hot contender, not only for a playoff spot but for first place. The failure of Marotte and Martin to help Chicago and the lack of forward depth early in the season caused Hawks to get away to a terrible start. They're just recovering some of the lost ground now.

The expansion teams are no patsies for the established clubs. After 46 games between the old and the new, the Western Division teams have won 14, lost 28 and tied 4. Whether this will continue or not is doubtful because the old teams need all the points they can get in their hectic Eastern Division war.

Most hockey experts predict the new teams will have increasing prob-

lems against the Eastern clubs as the season progresses. However, before the season started, these same experts predicted the expansion clubs had little chance of gaining any points against the established clubs.

This is a good time to re-examine the expansion clubs. Philadelphia and Los Angeles are leading. They were the two teams to purchase American League clubs. Kings bought Springfield; Flyers purchased Quebec Aces. Pittsburgh Penguins are a strong third with Minnesota North Stars close behind. Oakland Seals and St. Louis trail the pack.

**PHILADELPHIA** — The low-scoring Flyers have had the best defensive record in either division most of the season. Brilliant play by young goalies Bernie Parent and Doug Favell is a big factor. The defense — Ed Van Impe, Joe Watson, John Miszuk and Jean Gauthier plus old Larry Zeidel — is extremely sound.

Manager Bud Poile and coach Keith Allen drafted shrewdly, picking

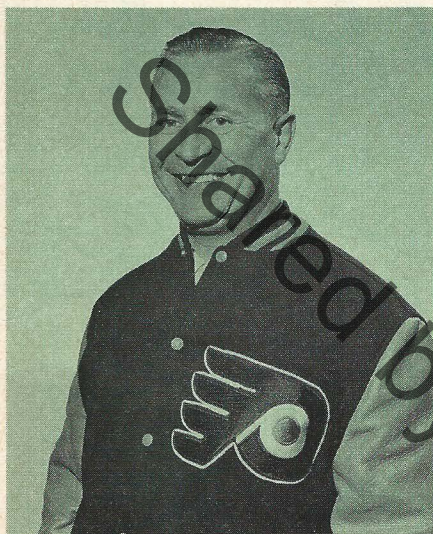
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## Expansion — A Second Look

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a gang of scramblers who can get a lot of mileage out of a few goals. Flyers play sound positional hockey,



KEITH ALLEN and General Manager Bud Poile drafted wisely for Philadelphia.

which always has been the only way to overcome the lack of individual stars.

The addition of Quebec added four solid forwards, especially Ed Hoekstra and Billy Sutherland, who, along with Leon Rochefort, give Flyers some scoring punch. The other forwards are undistinguished offensively, but they are tough and aggressive.

A healthy Brit Selby would make the Flyers even tougher because he's a strong defensive player and a good scorer. However, this splendid young man appears to be jinxed. He broke his leg last season; this year, he separated his shoulder.

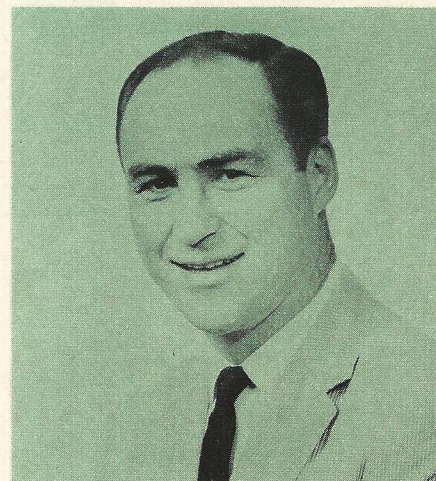
Apparently Flyers work under the theory that it's not what you do right that wins for you as much as what you do wrong that beats you. To date, they've done little wrong.

**LOS ANGELES** — Contrary to an often-voiced opinion, Kings have not succeeded because of a strong defense. They have the second poorest defensive record in the league. Only Chicago is worse, but most of

Hawks' goals-against came early in the season.

The reason for King's good showing: They are the highest scoring team in the new division. The purchase of Springfield Indians, plus the draft, gave L.A. 43 players with pro experience, by far the highest total available to any expansion team. Five Springfield players made the Kings, a big boost.

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RED KELLY, has turned out to be a popular and successful coach with the Kings.

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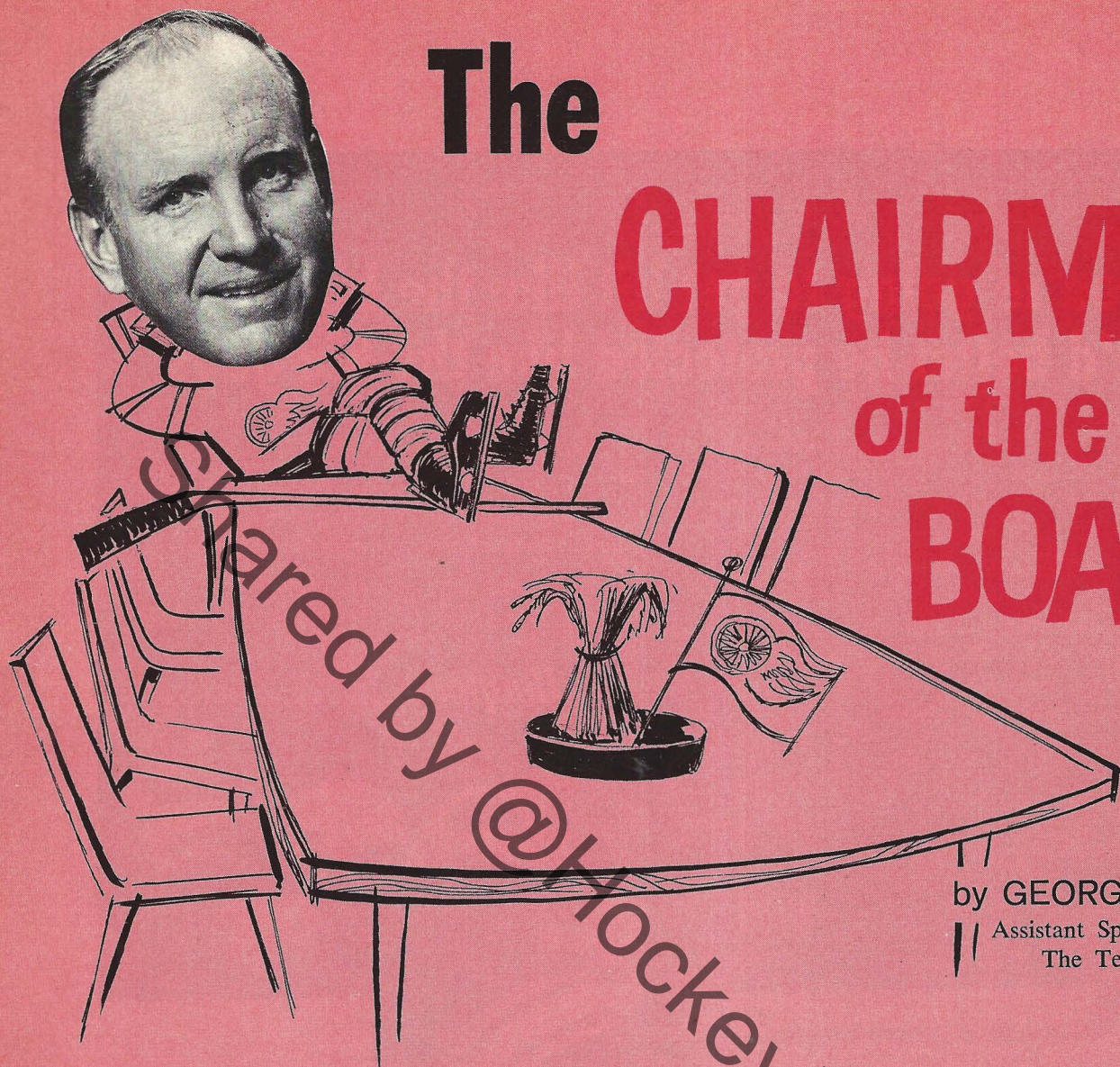
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by GEORGE GROSS

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The Telegram

## BRUCE NORRIS,

*The owner of the Red Wings, is a busy man with a deep and abiding love for the game of hockey.*

**T**HERE'S a zealous fan in one NHL city who lives so far out of town he has to jet in to see his club's games.

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His name is Bruce Norris, 43-year-old owner of the Detroit Red Wings. And his travel problem has been brought on by the fact he lives in Libertyville, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

But by no means can anyone call this friendly six-foot-five giant an absentee owner. He hardly ever misses a game at the Olympia, sees the team all the time at the Chicago stadium and frequently jets to New York to see Gordie Howe and company take on the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

But he's slowing down. In past years he flew to Detroit from his Libertyville home to practise with

Red Wings' goaltenders as he puts it "to keep them in shape."

With Norris this is not an idiosyncrasy of a millionaire who has to look after the \$250,000,000 Norris Grain Company emporium. When he skates out on the ice in his size 11 boots he knows what to do with a hockey stick and a puck.

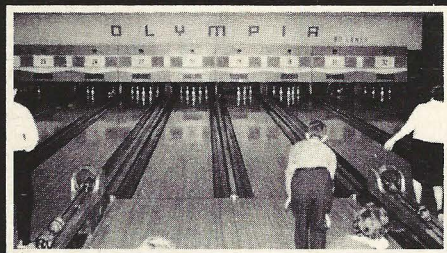
He was an outstanding defenseman for the Yale University hockey team until a knee injury forced him to give up playing. But he couldn't stay away from hockey altogether. Six years ago he wished he had.

He was playing hockey for fun at the Winter Club in Lake Forest, Ill., with several of his former Yale teammates, including Eddie Swift. He was hit hard and when he picked himself off the ice he had a wound which started on the bridge of his nose and ended behind the left temple. It took 100 stitches to close it.

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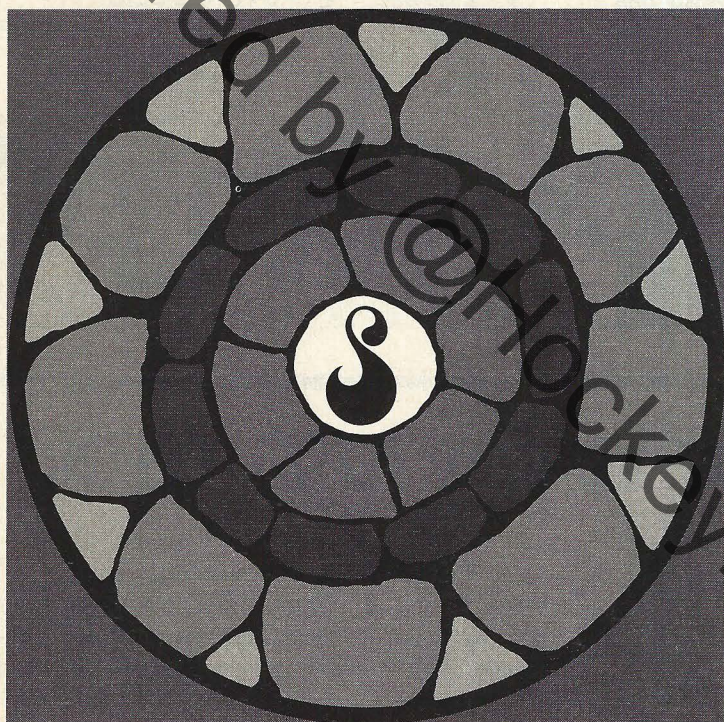
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## Expansion — A Second Look

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Lowell MacDonald, Ted Irvine, Eddie Joyal, Gord Labossiere, Bryan Campbell, Brian Smith and Bill Flett give Kelly the material to build a strong attack.

The defense of Bob Wall, Dale Rolfe, Bill White and Dave Amadio is big and tough, but a mite slow. The forwards, too, are big. Terry Sawchuk and Wayne Rutledge have been erratic in goal.



BOB WALL, drafted from Detroit, and made Captain for Los Angeles, is playing well on defense.

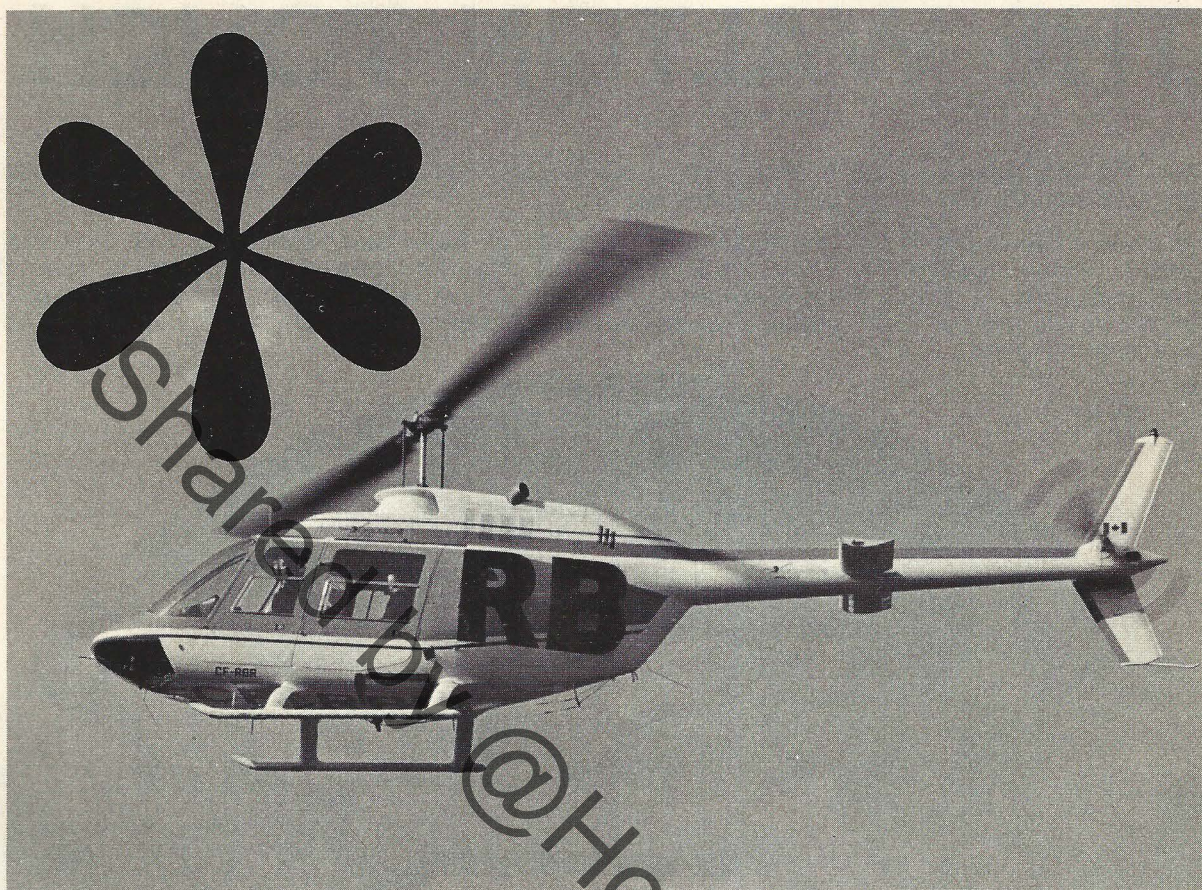
Los Angeles has a young team, which should get better. The Springfield farm gives it more depth than any expansion club, reducing the effect injuries will have on Kings' success.

The players like and respect Kelly, attacking their job with considerable enthusiasm. When Kings begin playing in their swanky new rink, they should be even better.

**PITTSBURGH** — Penguins have more individual stars than any other club in the new division. Four players — Andy Bathgate, Art Stratton, Ab McDonald and Ken Schinkel — appear in the top 25 scorers in the combined divisional listing. Toronto and Montreal, for instance, have one each in the top 25.

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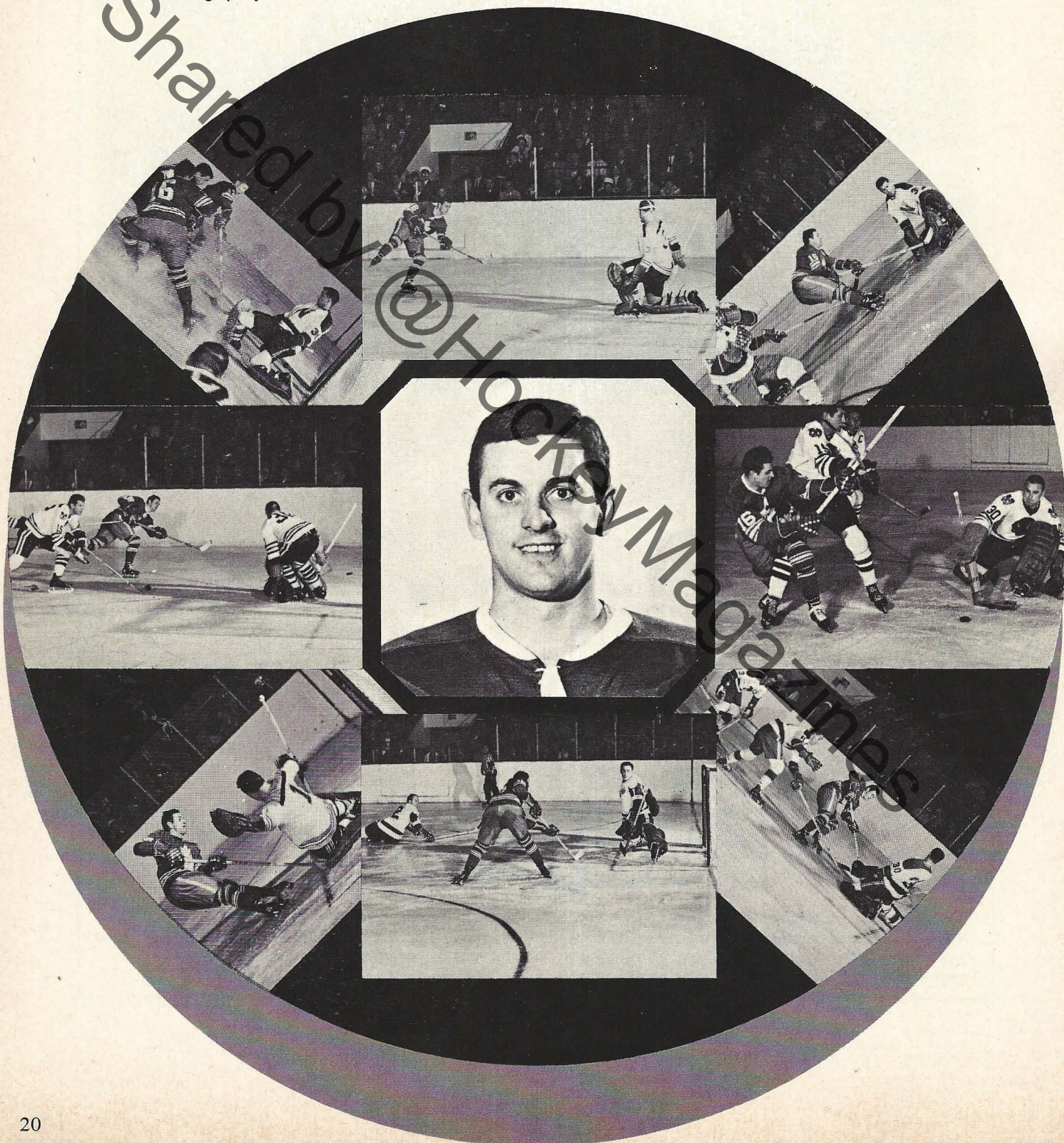
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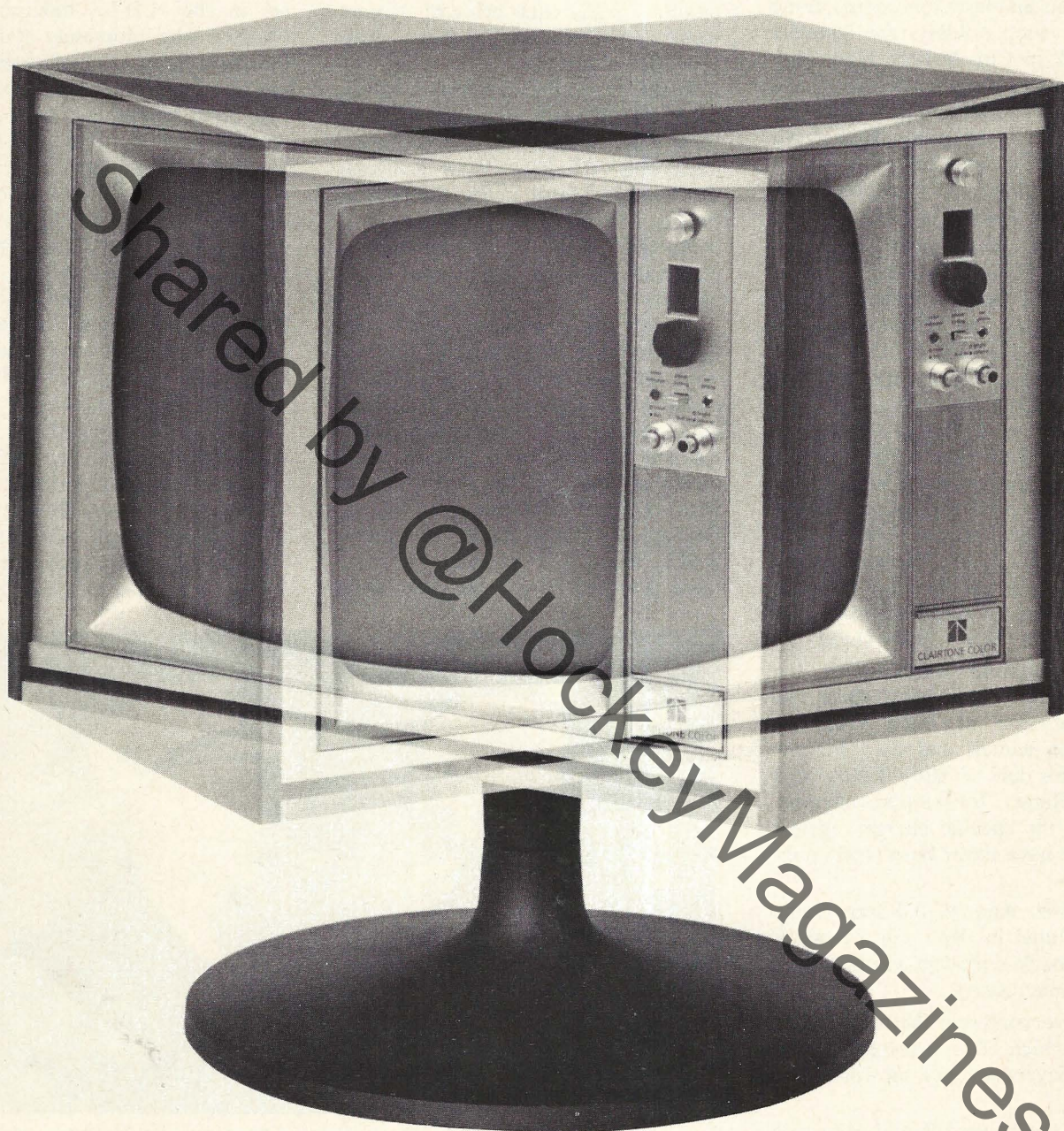
The same thing happened to the Leafs with the loss of Keon and Mahovlich, but they didn't start losing. Why? Along came Mike Walton with a rash of important goals, and a scoring style that has delighted hockey fans in Maple Leaf Gardens. The young man with the big desire to play is currently the player to watch on the Leaf attack. Everybody is beginning to recognize and watch for "the Walton touch" to a scoring play!





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## "50 Years of Hockey"

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the celebration of their fortieth anniversary in professional hockey.

Hap Day's Toronto Maple Leafs established Stanley Cup records along the way too, notably the greatest comeback in Cup history when they overcame a three game deficit to take the last four games and the Stanley Cup from a courageous Red Wing team; and Hap Day himself achieved the distinction of coaching five Stanley Cup winners in eight seasons.

It was an era of great lines from the Kraut Line of Bauer, Schmidt and Dumart, the Production Line of Abel, Lindsay and Howe; and the powerful Punch Line of Blake, Lach and Richard. Goalie Bill Duman set a record not to be smashed for a dozen years of 4 Vezina trophies in a row, and Turk Broda, the first Toronto goalie ever to win a Vezina, was fighting the well-publicized "Battle of the Bulge" at the end of the decade. Jack Adams became a true prophet when he declared in 1948 that there was not enough money in the N.H.L. to buy Gordie Howe.

Two gambling scandals hit the N.H.L. in the Forties: first, there was the suspension of Babe Pratt for betting on games, and then the expulsion for life of Billy Taylor and Don Gallinger for similar offenses, although the specific charges against Gallinger have never been made public.

The first Annual All-Star Game was instituted in 1947 and a pension fund for hockey players was instituted in the same season.

And everyone said the mayhem on the ice, which often involved fans as well as players was getting worse than ever.

When the Second World War was

declared in September, 1939, the National Hockey League was only weeks away from opening its 48-game schedule. Hostilities in Europe had little immediate effect upon the personnel and operating system of the top pros. There were, however, ominous signs that brilliant careers would be disrupted, perhaps even snuffed out forever.

From November to March seven teams, the Chicago Black Hawks, the New York Americans, the Montreal Canadiens, the New York Rangers, the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Boston Bruins and the Detroit Red Wings, competed for the League championship and berths in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Under the management of Art Ross and the coaching of Cooney Weiland, the well-knit Boston Bruins ended as champions with 67 points, three ahead of the second-place Rangers. They were led on their march to the top by their famous Kraut Line of Milt Schmidt, Woody Dumart and Bobby Bauer, who made N.H.L. history by copping the first three positions in the League's indi-

vidual scoring race. Schmidt was the head man with 52 points.

There were other Bruins who contributed to the cause on a magnificent scale: goaltender Frank Brimsek, a man who dealt in shutouts and was one of the few American-born players in the N.H.L., defenseman Dit Clapper who ultimately starred with the team for a total of twenty years, and Eddie Shore, a scarred warrior who gave limited aid until his trade on January 25, 1940, to the New York Americans for Eddie Wiseman and a reported \$5,000 in cash. In the previous summer Shore had become owner and manager of the Springfield Indians, which made it necessary he play only home and playoff games for the Boston team. Augmenting the scoring punch of the Kraut Line were Bill Cowley, Herb Cain and Roy Conacher.

On July 19, 1940, the first step in a movement to have pro hockey players volunteer for military training was taken by Conn Smythe. Letters were mailed to all members of the Maple Leaf team urging them to enlist

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Dick Irvin on the left and Conn Smythe, two of the big names in hockey in the forties.

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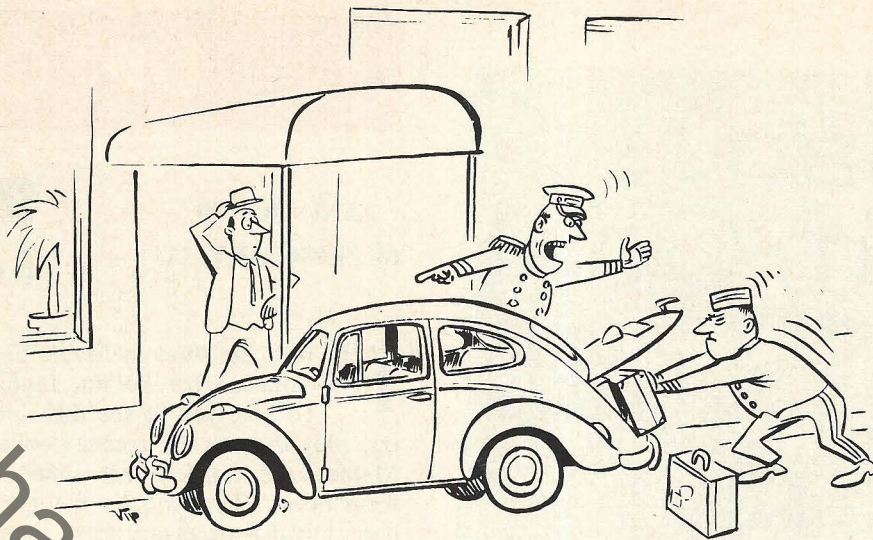
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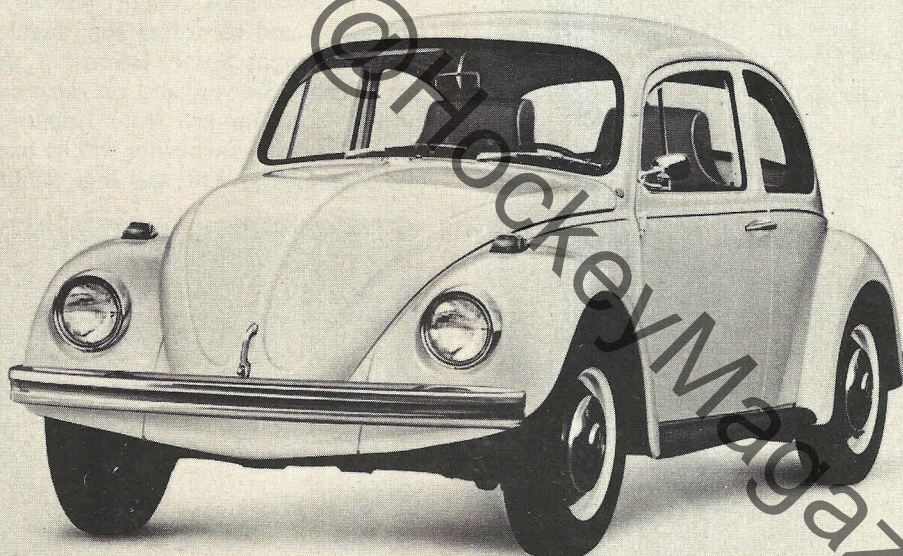
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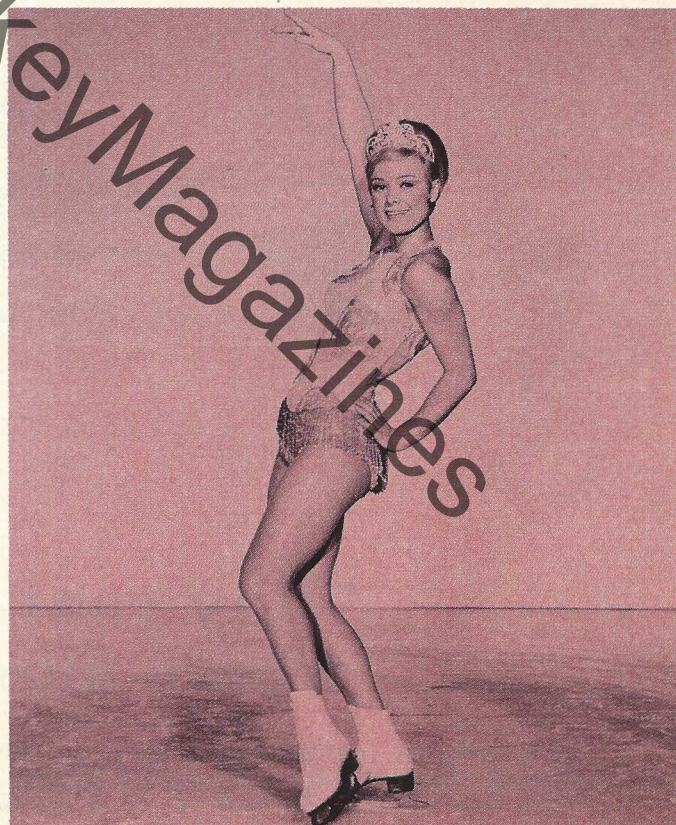
THE next big show at Maple Leaf Gardens is Shipstads and Johnson *Ice Follies*, January 30 to February 11.

To help you to see this riot of colour and pageantry, plus the world's greatest collection of skating talent, Maple Leaf Gardens has scheduled a total of 18 performances! This will be the greatest number ever seen here, but it is necessary as so many thousands and thousands, these days, are after wholesome, laugh-provoking entertainment.

There are 10 evening performances and 8 matinees. Each Saturday during the run there are three performances. It will be the first time in our history that there hasn't been hockey for two successive Saturdays.

A younger and more spectacular show than ever before is being presented. An exciting array of new stars includes vivacious Uschi Keszler, who is a German champion and recording star; feature skater Buddy Zack from Chicago; Susan Berens, a delightful new partner for Richard Dwyer; and the new comedy team of Victor and Joseph Harvard from London, England.

The famous favourites will be back — Donald Jackson, the Scarecrows, Willi and Inge Schilling, Ken and Paulette



Petite, green-eyed Uschi Keszler is one of the lively new faces in the 1968 edition of Shipstads and Johnson *Ice Follies*. The former German champion has skated since she was seven.



# THE GARDENS

# FOLLIES

JANUARY 30  
to FEBRUARY 11

Ormsby, the fabulous Mr. Frick, the Beattys, the Williams Family, Lois Walters, and Inky Dinky the Bear.

Those of us who saw Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass at the Gardens in 1967 will be pleased to know that an Ice Follies' number has been built around the sounds of the Tijuana Brass. In contrast, there is also a number saluting the Ziegfeld era.

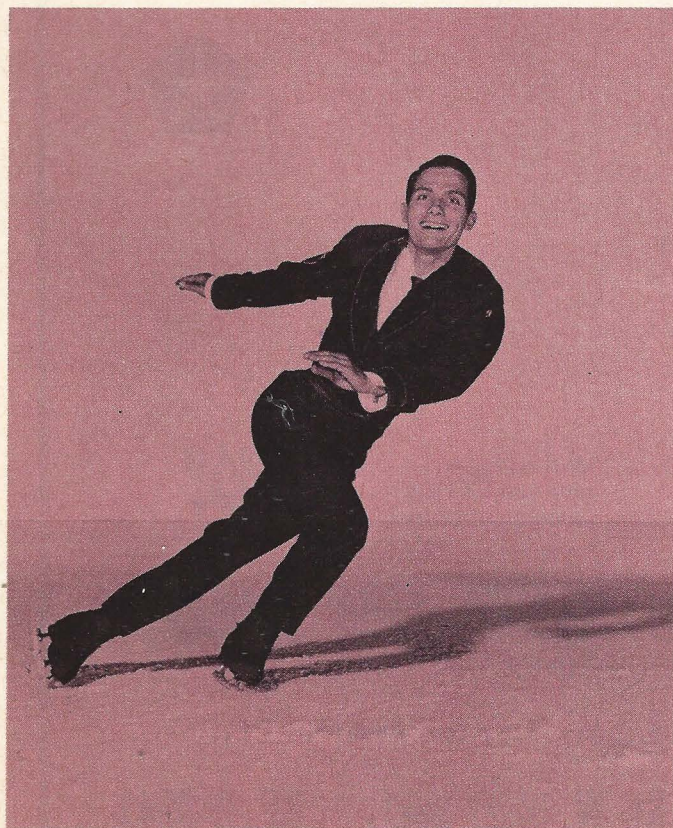
This is Ice Follies 32nd annual show, and it includes the world's greatest precision skating ensemble, the Ice Folliettes, 32 attractive girls representing each of the annual shows.

The debonaire Richard Dwyer will be, as usual, giving away his bouquets of roses. During 18 years, all over North America, he has given away \$72,000 worth of roses!

Of course the most popular figure in Ice Follies at Toronto will be Donald Jackson, the world figure skating champion from Oshawa. Who knows, you may see him doing a triple lutz here as he did in Prague in 1962. Already 26, he is at the height of his skating powers.

The fabulous Mr. Frick is probably the most spectacu-

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A five-year veteran with the Ice Follies, is non-excelled Donald Jackson, "King of Blades." He holds both amateur and professional world championships.

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## UPCOMING AT THE GARDENS

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lar Swiss movement outside of a watch. He is still skating at age 52, a record that seems to exceed that of Johnny Bower. I wonder if Johnny Bower can do Frick's spread eagle cantilever?

They say that Uschi (pronounced OOO-she) Keszler has the hottest number ever seen on ice. So far she has taken the United States by storm. To the delight of many, she includes a warming wiggle and a winning wink, and is so talented that she seems destined for a movie career.

To give you an idea of how big a show Ice Follies is, it costs \$750,000 to produce, costs \$75,000 a week to run, and has \$500,000 worth of costumes. There is a 15-car train and a 165 member troupe. The show plays to 2,300,000 people annually. About 200,000 are expected to see it in Toronto.

Canadians outnumber all other nationalities in Ice Follies. There are 17 in all, including Jackson who is supposed to be paid more than Bobby Hull, almost \$100,000 a year! Other countries represented are England, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and the United States.

Cities included in the tour of Ice Follies are San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Syracuse, Hershey, New Haven, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Toronto, Boston, Montreal, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Omaha, Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, in that order.



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# You Need More Than Luck To Win

By RED BURNETT

Toronto Daily Star

**T**HERE'S no truth in the rumor that general manager-coach Punch Imlach was loaded down with horseshoes when he moved behind the Maple Leaf bench against Pittsburgh today (Jan. 13). One of the most superstitious gents in or out of sport, Punch suffered as his club lost to the Penguins, 2-1, here on Dec. 13.

It seems he forgot to stroke his lucky rabbit's foot before heading for the pit that night. This time he pounded all his lucky doors, donned his lucky chapeau and loaded his pockets with good luck charms.

Imlach is so superstitious he refuses two dollar bills. A friend is willing to wager he'd turn down a fortune if it carried the stipulation

that it come in two dollar notes and Imlach must use same for every purchase.

But his good luck charms will help only if the Leafs play better than they did against the Penguins on Dec. 13. One of the chaps who

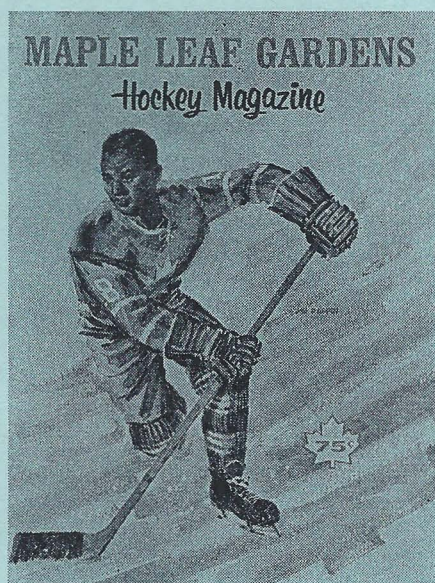
winger in the western section of the National Hockey League.

Ken had two seasons with New York 1961-62 and 62-63 and then it was back to the minors in Baltimore until the fag end of last season when Emile "The Cat" recalled him to New York. Ken played well for the Broadway Blue Shirts but not well enough to be protected at the draft meeting.

Ken is what King Clancy would call a Frank Finnigan-type right winger. Not flashy, no booming shot or fancy moves. But steady as the piston in a precision-made machine. He goes up and down his wing with a no-nonsense determination that keeps rival left wingers honest and off the scoresheet for the most part.

In addition, he gets his share of

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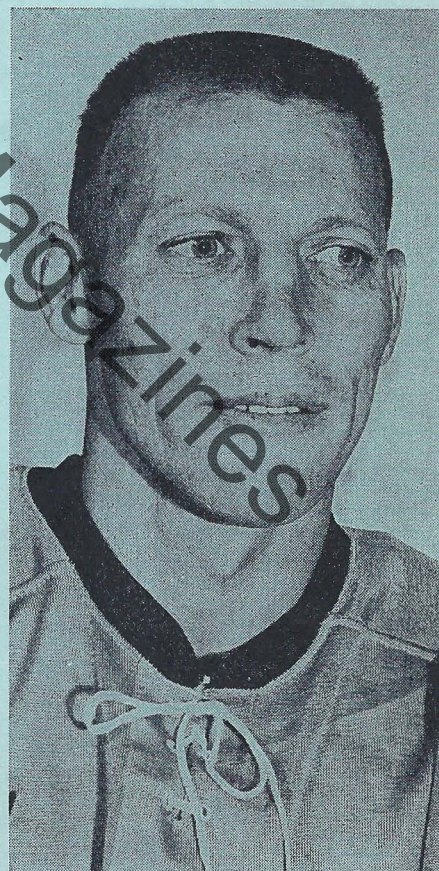
PUNCH IMLACH

gave Leafs the most trouble on that occasion was right winger Ken Schinkel.

This brings to mind a story told by Ken's brother Dave when he heard that the right winger had been drafted by Pittsburgh at the National Hockey League's expansion deal last June.

"I can't understand Pittsburgh," said the youth. "Red Sullivan, Penguin coach, had Ken at New York on a few occasions and always sent him back to the minor leagues. I wonder how long he'll last in Pittsburgh."

One couldn't blame Dave for worrying about his brother's future. But it turns out the move was the best possible for the solid right winger. Right now, Sullivan says he is the most valuable player on the Pittsburgh roster and the best right



KEN SCHINKEL

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# You Need More Than Luck To Win

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the goals and has the ability to set up linemates for key scores. The 35-year-old winger doesn't throw his weight around but he plays tough enough to keep rivals from pushing him off the puck or out of the play.

Discussing the rightwinger, who graduated from St. Catharines to pro ranks, Sullivan said:

"Schinkel is by far the best right wing in our division. And, he's not far from the good ones in the other division.

"Kids, breaking into this league or hoping to break into this league, should watch Ken. He'll show them how the wing should be played."

Centre Art Stratton agrees with Sully when it comes to the case of Ken Schinkel.

"Without Schinkel it's doubtful if Stratton would have scored as many goals as he has," said Sullivan. "They form a pretty good combination; have each other's moves down pat."

Stratton admits this, saying, "Both Kenny and Keith (McCreary) have worked overtime setting up plays for me. No doubt I wouldn't be the threat without Schinkel controlling the puck and passing the way he does. He takes a lot of pressure off, too, with his skating and checking."

"You know that Mr. Automatic will be patrolling that left wing beat without wasting a step or move," added Sullivan. "He seldom strays out of position and has great second effort."

Although he played in 265 National Hockey League games before joining Pittsburgh, after most of four seasons at Baltimore in the American Hockey League, Schinkel feels he



RED SULLIVAN

should have received a better deal for his early efforts in hockey.

"I knew there were guys in the NHL I could beat out but I don't think I had a fair chance," he says recalling his years with Springfield and other minor league clubs.

He won the Pittsburgh fans by the way he guarded scoring champion Bobby Hull on the Chicago Black Hawks' first visit to Pittsburgh. They realized then they had something better than ordinary in Schinkel.

Ken held Hull to one goal and scored three himself that night, one of his best in hockey, to lead Pittsburgh to a 4-2 win. Two months

later he grounded the Golden Jet as the Penguins earned a 1-1 tie.

"He comes to play, no matter how rough it is," lauded Sullivan. "What I like most about him is that he'll take a stiff check to save a goal. He never hears those footsteps or throws snow."

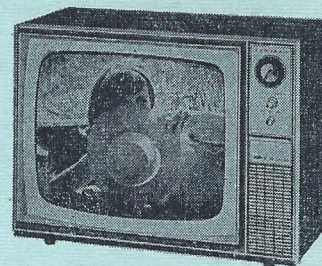
Schinkel insists he's just as concerned about goals scored against him as the ones he puts in the other team's goal. He knows solid teams need dependable defensive players.

It's a cinch the Penguins would be in deep trouble without the industrious right winger.

In case your memory needs refreshing, Schinkel set up the tying goal by Stratton and scored the winner on an assist by Noel Price last time Penguins were in town.

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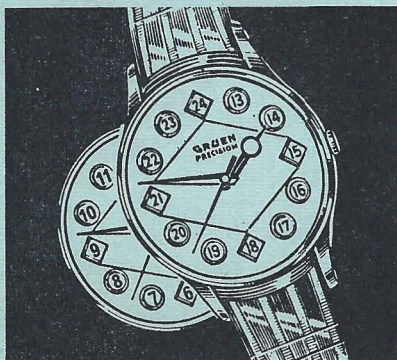
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# Marlie Seniors Bid For The Pennant

By FRANK ORR

**Y**OUNG defencemen, it seems, are a common problem for the Marlboro teams this season. Marlie Juniors are attempting to win the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A Series with four rookie defenders. Marlie Seniors have four young defencemen as they make a bid for the pennant in the OHA Senior A loop.

Marlie Senior coach Joe Kane is pleased with the work of his blue-line troops — Chris Evans (21), Doug Kelcher (23), Walt McLean (25) and Bob Awrey (25). They hardly seem like green rookies, but in senior hockey these days, they are mere pups.

"Most teams have a couple of old, which means well over 30, defencemen," Kane said. "Kingston has Bill Burega and Bob Olajos, both of whom have considerable pro experi-

ence. They don't give much away. Barrie has Ray Gariepy, Woodstock has Elmer Skov and Byrle Klinck, Galt has Ivan Tennant. All these older defencemen are very important to their clubs."

Kane has an OHA playing card open which he hopes will be filled by Ivan Irwin, a man with 15 years of pro defence experience.

"Irwin would give us the cool, old pro at the blueline," Kane continued. "He's worked out with us a couple of times, but nothing is definite about his joining our team."

Although Kane feels his club is "the best balanced in the league," he realizes what a battle they'll face to win the OHA title. At presstime, five teams were crammed into a space of five points. Galt, Kingston, Marlboros, Collingwood and Guelph all rate as solid contenders for the title.

"These are all sound clubs," Joe added. "Galt has Norm Defelice in goal, good checking and the ability to make a few goals go a long way. Kingston won it last year and have much the same personnel with a couple of good additions (Syl Apps Jr., John Mercer). Collingwood has a world of experience. Guelph has a good goalie in Boat Hurley and plenty of sound talent. But I think our balance will win it for us."

Marlies are the highest scoring club in the league and only Defelice has a better goaltending record than Gerry McNamara. They have three sound forward lines, which Kane can use in any situation. McNamara is a sound goalie, so the defence assumes a key role in Marlies' prospects.

"We've been experimenting with our team, not in changing lines and defence pairs around, but in style of play," Kane said. "The main thing the veteran defencemen do for the other teams is handling the puck and starting the plays. We've been getting our defencemen to do more things with the puck in our recent

games. For instance, Chris Evans is just out of junior hockey. He's a good skater and he's smart, but he has never been a great puck-carrier. We've been encouraging him to move the puck more. If he doesn't do it, he'll never improve.

"We've also been trying to play more of a possession game. The pattern has been to shoot it in, then forecheck. I've felt that with our players we have we should be able to work the puck into the other team's zone. It's worked fairly well, too."

Kane plans no major roster changes for the remainder of the season. He has two playing cards open. One, he hopes, will be filled by Irwin; the other is for a goalie to back-up McNamara. Two other players — Ricky Hay and Peter Speyer — should be around for the playoffs. Hay, a quick centre with four years senior experience, has been sidelined since early in the season with a knee injury. Speyer played a few games at the start with Marlies, then rejoined University of Toronto Blues for the college season.

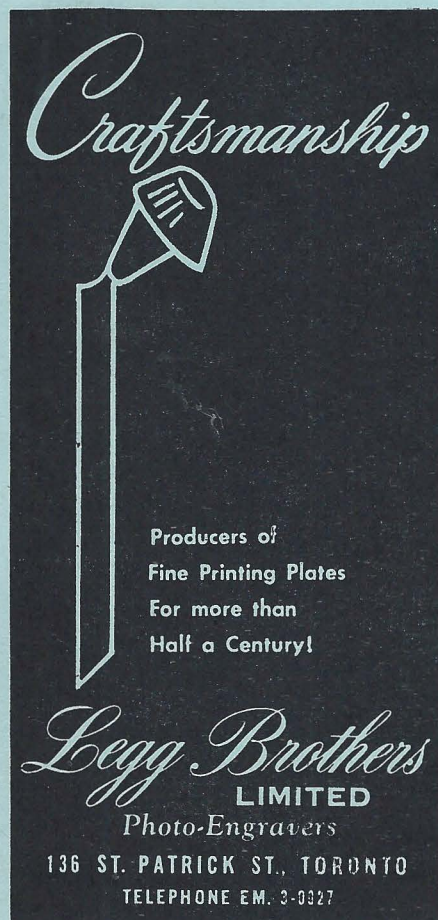
"Hay should be ready for the playoffs," Kane said. "Speyer will be back then, too. He helps us because I think he's the best rushing defenceman in senior hockey. It might be a bit of adjustment for him from college back to senior hockey, but he shouldn't have much trouble making it."

Kane also has added a new coaching wrinkle. He appeared for workouts during the holidays carrying a buggy whip, which, of course, launched considerable needling.

"I don't really think whips for coaches will catch on," Kane smiled. "Some of my players figured it was appropriate."

**Notes** — Marlie Seniors will be in action at Maple Leaf Gardens tonight when they meet Barrie in an 8 p.m. game. Their next home ap-

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THE oldtimers around Pittsburgh still have a great fondness for King Clancy. They remember when he coached the Pittsburgh Hornets in the American League back in the early fifties, and how he guided the Hornets to a Calder Cup victory over Providence in 1952. It was Pittsburgh's first Calder Cup win after 16 frustrating seasons of seeking and the first major hockey success for Pittsburgh since the old Yellow Jackets of Lionel Conacher swept the United States Hockey League title in 1924 and 1925.

Clancy's team that season lined up as follows: Goal — Mayer; Defense — Boivin, F. Sullivan, T. Horton, P. Backor; Forwards — Solinger, Barbe, Hassard, G. Hannigan, R. Hannigan, McLellan, Blair, Ezinicki, Migay and Maloney.

The King had his Hornets in the finals again the following season, this time against Cleveland. Cleveland, backed up by the sensational netminding of John Bower, squeezed out an overtime win in the seventh and deciding game in what sportswriters called the "crazy bounce" series. At 6.23 of the 10-minute overtime, Bob Bailey of Cleveland passed the puck to defenseman Bob Chrystal

as Chrystal skated slowly over his own blueline. Chrystal wanted a rest so he lobbed a shot high in the air and headed for the Cleveland bench. Meanwhile, his shot landed in front of the Pittsburgh goal but off to the side and would have slid to the end boards had it not taken a crazy hop. Observers claim it took off almost at right angles and sailed three feet high and nestled into the corner of Gil Mayer's net as if it had eyes. Cleveland won the game 1-0 and the series 4 games to 3. The dramatic game-winning goal stunned everybody, including Chrystal, who was sitting on the bench when his long shot zig-zagged into the net. If Chrystal's blooper shot had taken place in a Stanley Cup series instead of a Calder Cup final, his name would be as well known to hockey fans everywhere as Ken Doraty or Mud Bruneteau or Bill Barilko, each of whom scored dramatic goals in memorable league and playoff games.

Clancy stayed two seasons in Pittsburgh, and when Joe Primeau stepped down as coach of the Leafs, Clancy got the call. Pittsburgh hated to lose him. They admired him so much they even painted the arena green in his

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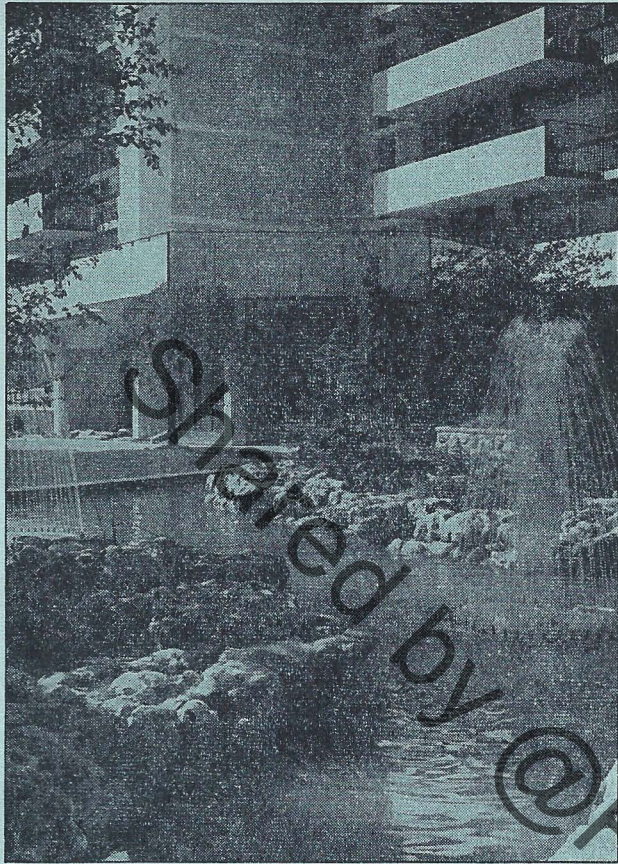


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# Pittsburgh Was A Good Place To Go

By MARGARET SCOTT

MRS. MERLE BATHGATE is a blithe and breezy redhead who is getting accustomed to Pittsburgh which is her fourth NHL city. Thirteen years ago she started out as a hockey wife in New York, then moved to Toronto where she hoped "Andy might play forever" and not so long later was rooting for the Red Wings.

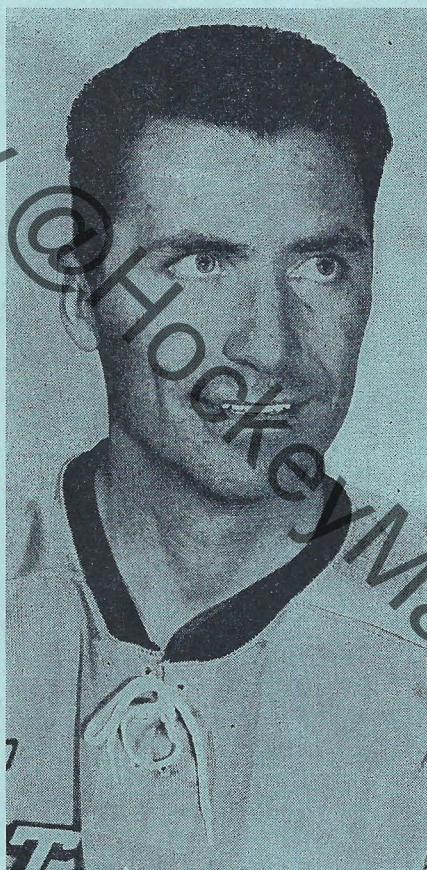
When Andy Bathgate was drafted by Pittsburgh it was something like going home. Red Sullivan, the Penguins' coach, had known him in New York and there were former teammates galore from the Red Wings and Rangers. If he had to make a change Pittsburgh was undoubtedly one of the best places he could go. "He's happy here," said Merle, "and that's the most important thing of all. Yes, I found the moving strange after all the years of being settled in New York, but I don't think it bothersome."

The Bathgates bought a home in Bramalea shortly after Andy became a Leaf and Merle stayed there until early November so he would have time to settle with his new team and locate a home. They're living in fashionable Jamestown Court, a setting of 100 town houses similar in design to the ones in downtown Toronto, but not the three-storey type. They have two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs, a kitchen, living room, dining room and smaller bathroom downstairs. Best of all they're situated a scant ten minutes from the rink.

Because she had already met at least half the team elsewhere the move wasn't an awesome one for Merle. It wasn't the same as going into a city of strangers and sort of taking a whole season to get that sense of belonging," she stated. "The ice had been broken years ago. Gosh, this was a breeze in that respect. Our immediate next door neighbors are the Earl Ingarfields whom we knew in New York for eight years. Ken and Shirley Schinkel, whom we also knew as Rangers, are just a block

away. Others quite nearby are Val and Anna Fonteyne, Hank and Shirley Bassen and Ab and Pat McDonald, all former Red Wing teammates.

Formerly Merle Lewis of Vancouver, B.C., Mrs. Bathgate has done her share of travelling since she married a hockey player on May 7, 1955. Along with her parents and brother she had cheered for the Vancouver



ANDY BATHGATE

Canucks before she even met Andy, one of their better forwards, in the early 1950's. It was out west that she first met Johnny Bower and his wife Nancy.

She's got the knack of finding something good about all the cities she's had to make a home in. The bright lights of Broadway got to her and she usually managed to see two or three hit shows in the course of a season. Things are a little different

in Pittsburgh, a city that is smaller than Toronto, warmer than our city, but considerably colder than Vancouver. It was just six above zero when we talked, well below normal, and Merle said there was a white stretch of crisp, diamond-like snow dazzling outside her window. "We had a green Christmas and it rained a lot," she said, then she asked: "What is it like in Toronto and sounded a little disappointed to hear it was four degrees warmer here. "I think we're getting our crisp season now," she laughed.

Merle then spoke of the Penguins' home arena which she described as "Simply beautiful." It holds, she guessed, an approximate 15,000 fans and hasn't, of course, been capacity-filled so far this season. The crowds have been flowing in for the visits of the established teams, seemingly a drawing card in the majority of the new NHL cities. "NHL hockey is new here," said Merle, "and everyone knew it would take a while before the fans fully accept it.

Having been part of the western division for so long Merle notices the greater mileage piled up by the rookie clubs, but finds consolation in the fact that Pittsburgh's lot is better than that of some other teams. "For the first time in thirteen years of marriage I had my husband with me for New Year's," she announced. "That was a real treat for me. Why, he was even home for Christmas, too, so I cannot complain about the schedule. "The whole team got together and we had a marvellous New Year party which everyone enjoyed enormously. That sort of gathering draws a club together."

When the Penguins have a home game the wives are clustered fairly close together and Merle revealed that she generally sits with Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Ingarfield and Mrs. Schinkel. Which one shouts the loudest? "I'm afraid I do," sighed Merle. "At the start of the season

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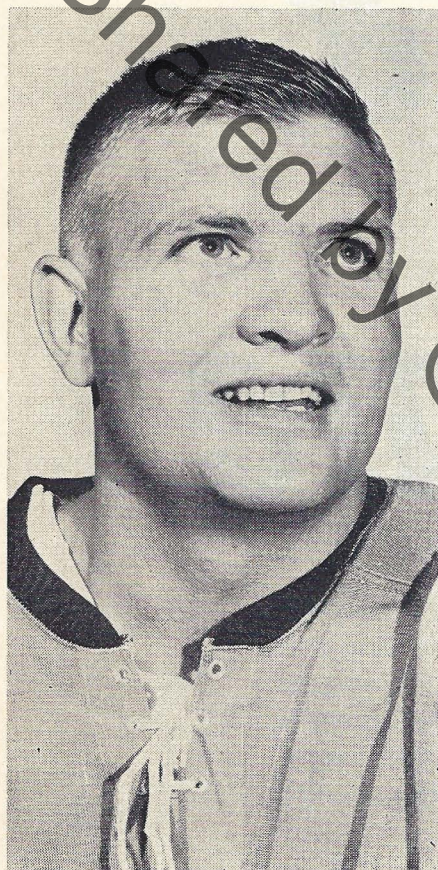
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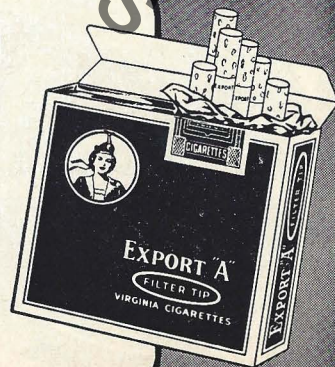
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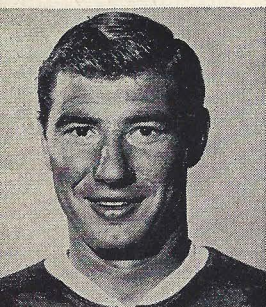
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DEA, BILLY	5' 7"	170	EDMONTON, ALTA.
DILLABOUGH, BOB	5' 11"	165	BELLEVILLE, ONT.
FONTEYNE, VAL	5' 9"	155	WETASKIWIN, ALTA.
INGARFIELD, EARL	5' 11"	185	LETHBRIDGE, ALTA.
KONIK, GEORGE	5' 10½"	200	FLIN-FLON, MAN.
MCCARTHY, TOM	6' 1"	191	TORONTO, ONT.
MCCREARY, KEITH	5' 10"	176	SUNDRIDGE, ONT.
MCDONALD, AB	6' 2"	194	WINNIPEG, MAN.
SCHINKEL, KEN	5' 10"	173	JANSEN, SASK.
STRATTON, ART	6' 1"	175	WINNIPEG, MAN.
UBRIACO, GENE	5' 8"	157	SAULT STE MARIE, ONT.
DEFENSEMEN			
BOIVIN, LEO	5' 7"	190	PRESCOTT, ONT.
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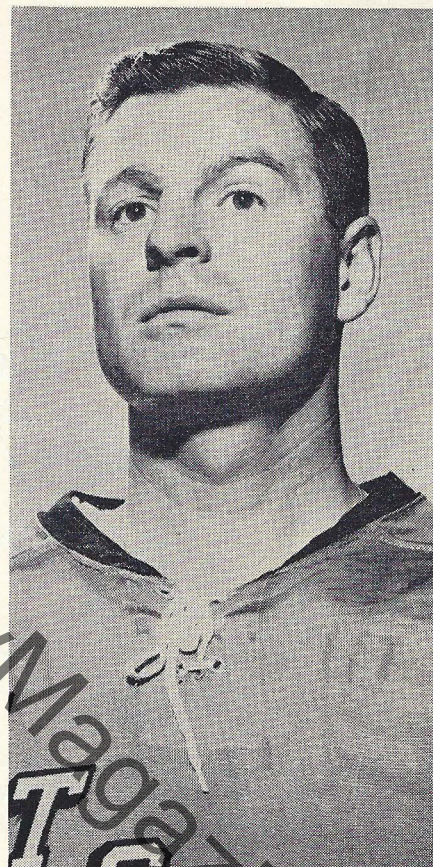
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JULY 31/41	OMAHA	37	46	83	1	1	2	
AUG. 28/32	DET.-PITTSBURGH	12	29	41	314	556	870	
APR. 3/33	BUFFALO	25	39	64	25	28	53	
APR. 27/41	BOSTON	6	12	18	13	25	38	
DEC. 2/33	DETROIT	1	1	2	36	72	108	
OCT. 25/34	NEW YORK	12	22	34	122	142	264	
MAY 4/37	OMAHA	27	47	74	—	—	—	
SEPT. 15/34	CLEVELAND	36	38	74	8	9	17	
JUNE 19/40	CLEVELAND	28	29	57	0	3	3	
FEB. 18/36	PITTSBURGH	25	31	56	112	168	280	
NOV. 27/32	BALTIMORE	25	31	56	34	55	89	
OCT. 8/35	ST. LOUIS	34	56	90	2	8	10	
DEC. 26/37	HERSHEY	38	43	81	—	—	—	
AUG. 2/31	DETROIT	4	17	21	54	206	260	
JUNE 11/39	NEW YORK	0	4	4	15	65	80	
SEPT. 27/35	CLEVELAND	10	44	54	—	—	—	
MAR. 29/40	QUEBEC	3	23	26	0	10	10	
MAR. 20/42	BUFFALO	6	25	31	—	—	—	
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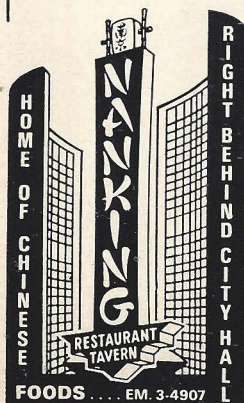
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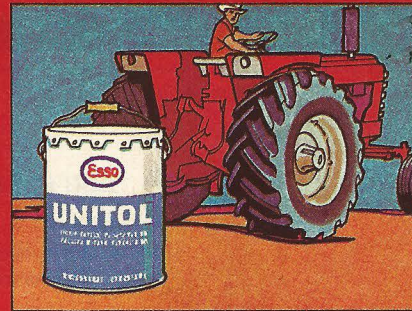
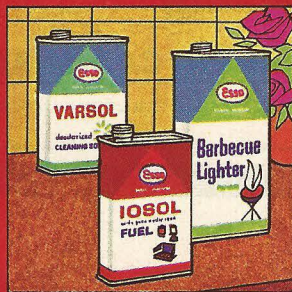
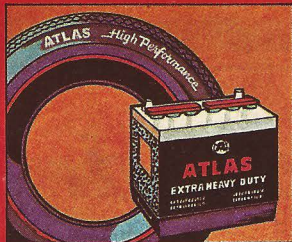
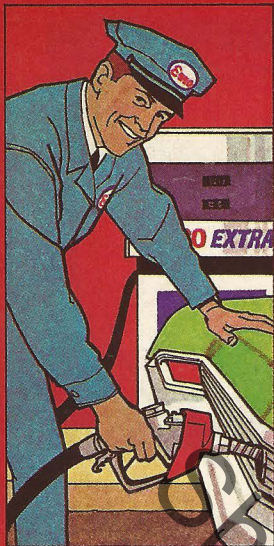
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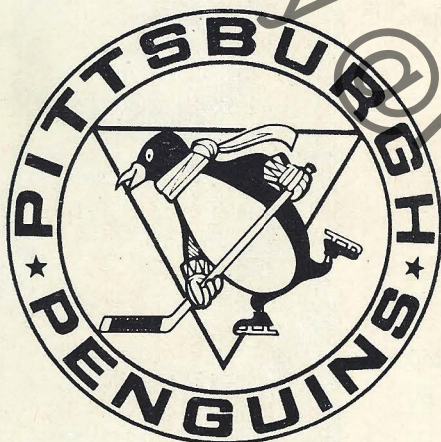
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1	HANK BASSEN, G.	13	31	1	6
30	LES BINKLEY, G.	29	77	3	0
		G.	A.	Pts.	P.I.M.
2	LEO BOIVIN, D.	1	10	11	40
3	AL MacNEIL, D.	1	2	3	18
4	NOEL PRICE, D.	3	12	15	16
5	DICK MATTIUSSI, D.	0	2	2	18
7	ART STRATTON, C.	14	17	31	14
8	VAL FONTEYNE, L.W.	1	12	13	0
9	ANDY BATHGATE, R.W.	15	17	32	15
10	EARL INGARFIELD, C.	6	7	13	4
11	GENE UBRIACO, L.W.	5	9	14	10
12	KEN SCHINKEL, R.W.	11	16	27	19
14	BILLY DEA, L.W.	9	7	16	4
15	BOB DILLABOUGH, C.	6	10	16	16
17	BILL SPEER, D.	1	3	4	18
18	GEORGE KONIK, L.W.	1	1	2	18
20	AB McDONALD, L.W.	11	13	24	8
21	KEITH McCREARY, R.W.	7	7	14	23
22	PAUL ANDREA, R.W.	4	6	10	0

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		G.P.	G.A.	S.O.	P.I.M.
1	AL SMITH, G.	0	0	0	0
30	BRUCE GAMBLE, G.	16	37	1	2
		G.	A.	Pts.	P.I.M.
2	LARRY HILLMAN, D.	0	8	8	2
3	MARCEL PRONOVOST, D.	2	9	11	28
4	DUANE RUPP, D.	0	7	7	26
7	TIM HORTON, D.	3	12	15	46
8	RON ELLIS, R.W.	15	12	27	2
10	GEO. ARMSTRONG, R.W.	11	15	26	4
11	MURRAY OLIVER, C.	// 5	11	16	4
12	PETER STEMKOWSKI, C.	4	11	15	60
14	DAVE KEON, C.	/ 7	20	27	2
16	MIKE WALTON, C.	22	14	36	29
18	JIM PAPPIN, R.W.	11	9	20	27
20	BOB PULFORD, L.W.	// 6	15	21	10
21	DARRYL SLY, D.	0	0	0	0
22	BRIAN CONACHER, L.W.	6	8	14	25
25	WAYNE CARLETON, L.W.	5	9	14	18
26	ALLAN STANLEY, D.	1	8	9	10
27	FRANK MAHOVLICH, L.W.	// 13	15	28	20

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ELLIS, RON	5' 10"	178	LINDSAY, ONT.
KEON, DAVID	5' 9"	166	NORANDA, QUE.
MAHOVLICH, FRANK	6' 1"	205	TIMMINS, ONT.
OLIVER, MURRAY	5' 10"	169	HAMILTON, ONT.
RAPPIN, JIM	6' 0"	195	COPPER CLIFF, ONT.
PULFORD, BOB	5' 11"	188	NEWTON ROBINSON, ONT.
STEMKOWSKI, PETER	6' 1"	206	WINNIPEG, MAN.
WALTON, MIKE	5' 10"	173	KIRKLAND LAKE, ONT.
DEFENSEMEN			
HILLMAN, LARRY	6' 0"	180	KIRKLAND LAKE, ONT.
HORTON, TIM	5' 10"	184	COCHRANE, ONT.
PRONOVOST, MARGEL	6' 0"	194	LAC LA TORTUE, QUE.
RUPP, DUANE	6' 1"	195	MACNUTT, SASK.
STANLEY, ALLAN	6' 2"	193	TIMMINS, ONT.
GOALKEEPERS			
BOWER, JOHN	5' 9"	188	PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.
GAMBLE, BRUCE	5' 9"	209	PORT ARTHUR, ONT.
SMITH, AL	6' 1"	193	TORONTO, ONT.

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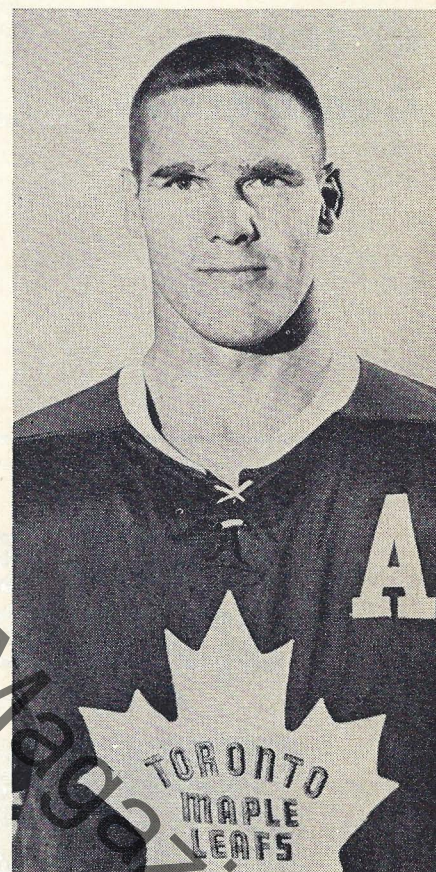




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AUG. 4/46	TULSA-ROCH-TOR	23	20	43	1	0	1
AUG. 31/41	TORONTO	14	13	27	14	13	27
JAN. 8/45	TORONTO	22	23	45	64	62	126
JAN. 20/39	TORONTO	19	33	52	161	217	378
JAN. 10/38	TORONTO	18	28	46	277	284	561
NOV. 14/37	BOSTON	9	26	35	147	246	393
SEPT. 10/39	TORONTO-ROCH.	25	14	39	41	31	72
MAR. 31/36	TORONTO	17	28	45	202	240	442
AUG. 25/43	TORONTO	13	22	35	22	49	71
JAN. 3/45	ROCH.-TORONTO	26	43	69	8	13	21
FEB. 5/37	TORONTO	4	19	23	17	93	110
JAN. 12/30	TORONTO	8	17	25	91	278	369
JUNE 15/30	TORONTO	2	12	14	84	237	321
MAR. 29/38	TORONTO-ROCH.	7	35	42	0	1	1
MAR. 1/26	TORONTO	1	12	13	95	307	402
		G.P.	G.A.	S.O.	G.P.	G.A.	S.O.
NOV. 8/24	TORONTO	27	63	2	485½	1221	31
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## EAST DIVISION STANDING

	G.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pct.
Chicago	40	20	10	10	123	106	50	.625
Boston	38	20	12	6	140	113	46	.605
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>.564</b>
Montreal	40	17	14	9	112	94	43	.538
New York	39	17	14	8	115	108	42	.538
Detroit	39	17	16	6	132	121	40	.513

## WEST DIVISION STANDING

	G.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pct.
Philadelphia	38	18	14	6	96	83	42	.553
Minnesota	37	14	15	8	92	104	36	.486
Los Angeles	40	16	21	3	97	129	35	.438
Pittsburgh	39	14	19	6	96	109	34	.436
St. Louis	38	14	20	4	75	95	32	.421
Oakland	41	8	25	8	80	119	24	.293

Pct. — Percentage arrived at by dividing possible points into actual points gained.

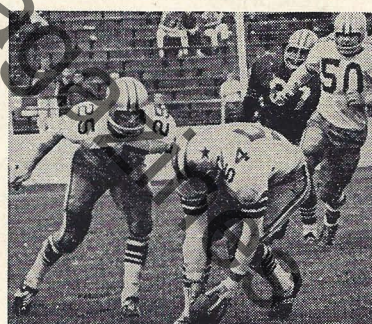
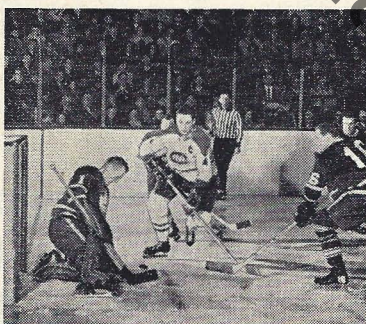
## SCORING LEADERS

	G.	A.	Pts.
Stan Mikita, Chicago	25	25	50
Bobby Hull, Chicago	31	17	48
Fred Stanfield, Boston	12	29	41
Johnny Bucyk, Boston	20	20	40
John McKenzie, Boston	15	25	40
Ken Wharram, Chicago	14	26	40
Phil Esposito, Boston	19	20	39
Rod Gilbert, New York	14	24	38
Jean Ratelle, New York	14	24	38
Gordie Howe, Detroit	18	19	37
Alex Delvecchio, Det'r	11	26	37
<b>Mike Walton, Toronto</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>
Norm Ullman, Detroit	18	16	34
Doug Mohns, Chicago	17	17	34
Phil Goyette, New York	14	19	33

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# THE LAST VISIT TO MADISON SQUARE

By Stan Obodias

**T**HE two boys, Michael Griffiths and Orville Thompson, who travelled with the Leafs to New York last weekend saw the *last* game the Leafs will play in the old Madison Square Garden.

They saw Dave Keon be the last Leaf who scored a goal in the old Madison Square Garden, and Murray Oliver the other Leaf to score a goal in that final game.

Moreover, Michael and Orville sat on the Leaf bench to get pictures taken by Associated Press with Dave Keon, Frank Mahovlich, George Armstrong and Mike Walton.

They saw coach Punch Imlach go through his superstitious ritual at Madison Square Garden for the last time — take charge of the Leaf bench 15 seconds after each period has started. On Sunday he almost missed the first goal!

The first time Mr. Imlach was in Madison Square Garden was 30 years ago, in 1938 when the Toronto Goodyears played the New York Rovers. "This rink has always been too small for hockey, only 186 feet long." Mr. Imlach was not apologetic for two recent Leaf losses in New York, and he never uses an alibi but the small surface certainly didn't allow the Leafs like Keon and Mahovlich to use their skating ability to advantage. The old Garden ice is the type where Reg Fleming can hold his own. Which he did.

The Toronto contest winner boys (trips won at the Marlboro game of December 26th) heard "the old guard fans" at Madison Square Garden for the last time hurl such vitriolic barbs as "Everybody scores tonight! Hey Imlach, bring a professional team to the Gawden, not a bunch of jerks!" and "Hey Imlach, Ron Stewart will kill the Leafs," and "Punch, where'd you get that hat?"

Since this new Madison Square Garden is really the fourth Garden in New York, the one the Leafs played

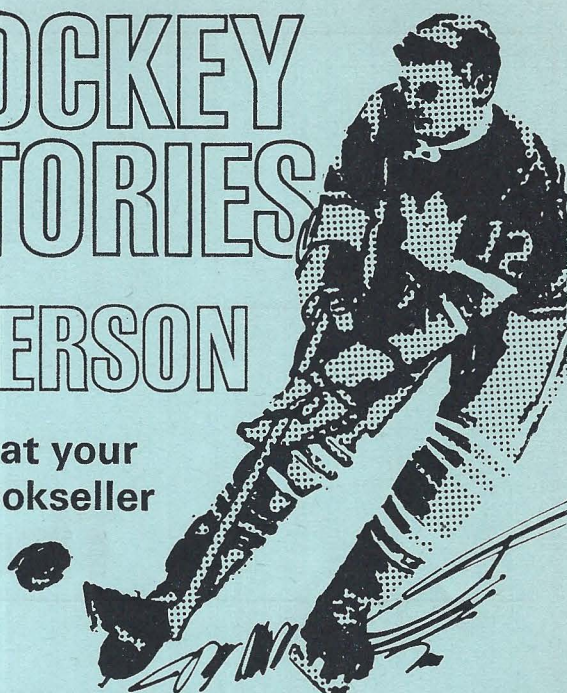
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The boys board the bus at Maple Leaf Gardens to begin their trip to New York.

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## COLOR COMMENTS

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honor, and "Clancy Lowered the Boom" almost became a theme song at Hornet home games.

Danny Lewicki and others who played for him recall the long road trips and the endless card games. Often King would join in a game of hearts or rummy, and Lewicki recalls that King never lost. He'd win a buck here and a buck there, but strangely, whenever the team neared its destination, he'd always find a way to slip the money back to the players whose luck was not so good.

Oh, they loved the King in Pittsburgh. When it was rumoured that Clancy might be lost to the parent Toronto club, Sports Editor Al Abrams wrote in the Post-Gazette:

"If John Harris (Hornet owner) has anything to say about it, he should make every effort to keep Clancy, the best coach he ever had. Why, we've barely got acquainted with the guy and have just learned to like him real well, when Toronto starts crooking a finger in his direction, just as it has for many of our ice stars the past few years.

"This is one of the penalties of being hooked up with a major league outfit. Where it pays off in one direction, it retards in another. The fans here would like to see Clancy stay here, and yet, if it means an elevation to a bigger job, they'd hate to see anything stand in his way. Clancy is certainly King in this town."

Mention any hockey town in North America and Clancy has either played there himself or knows somebody who did. Try him sometime with, say . . . Trail, B.C. His eyes will light up and he'll say, "You can bet your sister's garters I've been in Trail. We went west one year and played an exhibition series with Detroit and Trail was one of the places where we stopped. Not a bad hockey town, either."

The King will recall that things had been a bit dull, insofar as the hockey was concerned, so this night he and Ebbie Goodfellow, the great Detroit defenseman, decided to do something about it and put on a little show.

"I didn't think he'd take it so serious," chuckles Clancy, "or maybe I'd never have gone along with the stunt. Anyway, we were to give the crowd something to talk about by starting a fight halfway through the game."

"The trouble was, when the fight started, Goodfellow made it too realistic, and before anyone could spread the word that it was all just a lark, a real donnybrook had begun."

"I remember I started things off in behind the net by giving Ebbie a little tap in the ribs. The next thing I know, he whirls around and hits me so hard with a fist that I go sailing head over heels on the ice. Then everyone swings into the act and a real war breaks out. I'm down there on the bottom holding my head and all I can see is flying skates and bodies." Then a guy falls over top of me and it turns out to be Goodfellow. I'm about to give him a piece of my mind when he crawls over, and he says, 'All right, King, I think we've got a pretty good battle going out here. Let's just take it easy now and watch those other monkeys tangle.' "



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Clasping either wrist with the other hand well in front of the chest.



**DELAYED CALLING OF PENALTY**  
Referee repeatedly points, with free hand (without whistle) to player to be penalized until play is stopped.



**MISCONDUCT**  
Placing of both hands on hips several times and pointing to penalized player.



**SLASHING**  
A series of chopping motions with the edge of one hand across the opposite forearm.



**HOOKING**  
A series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.



**SLOW WHISTLE**  
Either arm, in which whistle is held, extended above head. If play returns to Neutral Zone without stoppage, arm is drawn down the instant the puck crosses the line.



**"WASH-OUT"**  
Both arms swung laterally across the body with palms down:

1. When used by the Referee it means goal disallowed.
2. When used by Linesmen it means there is no icing or no off-side.



**CHARGING**  
Rotating clenched fists around one another in front of chest.



**INTER-FERENCE**  
Crossed arms stationary in front of chest.



**HIGH-STICKING**  
Holding both fists clenched, one immediately above the other, at the height of the forehead.



**CROSS-CHECKING**  
A series of forward and backward motions with both fists clenched extending from the chest.



**ELBOWING**  
Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



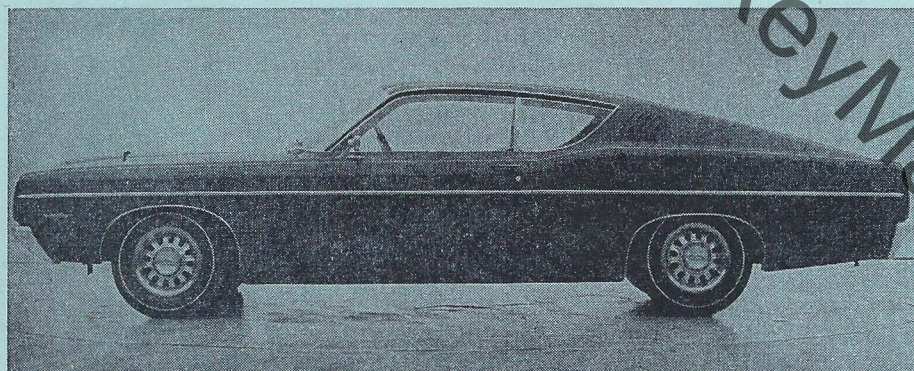
**ICING**  
Arms folded across the chest.



**TRIPPING**  
Extending right leg forward, clear of the ice, and striking it with right hand below the knee.

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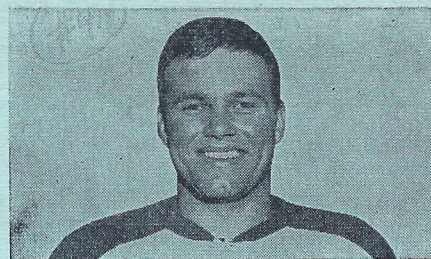
# Marlie Seniors Bid For Pennant

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pearance is Saturday, Jan. 20 against Belleville . . . Marlie Juniors meet Niagara Falls Flyers here tomorrow afternoon. Niagara is the only team Marlies haven't defeated this season . . . Marlie Juniors have three players in the OHA Junior A top five scorers. Niagara Falls' **Tom Webster** was this week's leader with 24 goals, 45 assists for 69 points. Marlies' **Richie Bayes** is second at 30-36-66. Niagara's **Gary Swain** has 28-34-62 followed by Marlies' **Terry Caffery** (25-34-59) and **Tom Martin** (26-28-54) . . . Niagara defence ace **Ricky Ley** is among the league's top dozen scorers. His pro rights belong to the Maple Leafs. They picked him up in the 17-year old draft two years ago and rate him highly as a pro prospect . . . Niagara

goalie **Phil Myre** is leading the league with 2.77 goals against average.

**Gerry Meehan** and **Mike Pelyk**, two Marlie king-pins last season, continue to draw rave notices for their work with Tulsa Oilers in the Central Pro League. Meehan is one of the league's top goal scorers . . . Former Marlie **Jim Keon** has quit pro hockey and will continue his education at Carleton University in Ottawa. Keon played last season and the first half of the current term with Tulsa . . . The Marlboro brass is rooting extra hard for goalie **Al Smith** to make the grade with Maple Leafs. Leading the Central League



JIM McKENNY

with Tulsa, Smith was called up to Leafs this week as a replacement for **Johnny Bower**, who is out with an injury. The Marlie chain has yet to produce a first string goalie for the Leafs . . . **Jim McKenny**, a star with Marlies for three seasons, is sidelined for a month with a broken leg, leaving Rochester Americans' defence shorthanded.

## Pittsburgh

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I vowed this would be the year I sat back and relaxed and took it easy. Whatever Andy did would be fine with me. But things didn't work out exactly as I planned, because I find it impossible to be detached about hockey."

When the team is on the road all the Penguin wives gather together for an evening of Rumoli or go off to a movie. "We have to pick simple games because we like to talk and bridge requires too much concentration," she laughed. There isn't much chance of Merle ever being lonely since daughter Sandy is now six while Billy is a talkative four-year-old.

Just before the Bathgates left for Pittsburgh Andy's sister and brother-in-law came from Winnipeg and moved into their home for the winter. "We're coming back in the spring," stated Merle. "I guess we're permanent easterners now although we had our usual six week holiday in Vancouver last summer and had Norma and Eddie Shack visit us for two weeks. But Andy has a driving range near Bramalea and he gives lessons there so we're never away too long." Almost as an after-thought she asked: "Does Toronto seem much different without Shack?"

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## THE LAST VISIT TO MADISON SQUARE

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in last Sunday could be called the old Garden, the other two the old, old, and the old, old, old ones.

Allan Stanley remembers his greatest night at the old Garden. It was just after the Rangers had traded him to Chicago in 1954, and he was back to play against his old club. Stanley scored two goals and had one assist, "and I just about had a third," he reminisced on the plane back from New York last Sunday. "Yes, there were a few yells about, 'is this the man we traded?'"

Frank Mahovlich says his best night at the old Garden was one day when he scored two goals and two assists, but the most humorous and memorable time for him in the old Garden was the night he was dumped by a Ranger defenceman. He was lying helpless on the ice in front of Gump Worsley, and the puck had gone back to Horton at the point. Frank saw Horton shooting, ducked his head, and the puck hit his stick and went in the net!

Boy, does King Clancy ever remember the first game he played in the old Madison Square Garden! He played in the Garden the year it was opened in 1926. King was with the Ottawa Senators then, and three times that season they beat the New York Americans 1-0, and in each of those games Clancy scored the only goal! King says, "I played the opening year of the Garden and with the Leafs' visit I was around for the closing year. The Garden was always a little small for me; I liked to move around. I remember being badly injured at the Garden; I got my tongue split."

Clance, is that how you got the talkative, forked tongue?

Stafford Smythe, the president of Maple Leaf Gardens,

was not talking about Madison Square Garden, but he did remember his first hockey incident, which occurred when he was four years old. He says, "My father's Varsity team had just won the Allan Cup at Vancouver, and they had returned to Union Station. With the celebrants I was there to meet them. They passed me over their heads to where my father was."

Stafford seemed amused that Madison Square Garden (the new one) wanted King Clancy to come down, dressed in his hockey garb, for the opening ceremonies which will be emceed by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. "No chance in my uniform," says King. Clancy is one of ten hockey players in the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame.

Since it has been the ambition of sports and entertainment stars to appear in Madison Square Garden, they have attracted many other celebrities and famous people. Spiff Evans, former publicity director of the Leafs, recalls seeing the Duke and Duchess of Windsor at a game to watch Toronto and New York. Spiff says, "She was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen."

In the old days, Ava Gardner loved to go to the Garden to watch Ching Johnson try to put Red Horner, Charlie Conacher and King Clancy away. One day in London, England she said, "I enjoyed those Leaf-Ranger games as much as I enjoy the bull fights in Spain now."

When Emile Francis was introduced to Senator Robert Kennedy at a Leaf game here last fall, he said, "Come to the Garden to see us play the Leafs, anytime." To which the Senator responded, "I certainly will."

The old Garden has to thank the Toronto Maple Leafs for many exciting contests, and, after all, if Conn Smythe hadn't recruited a team for them in 1926, maybe there wouldn't have been any Rangers at all.

Anyhow, thanks old Garden, you have made quite a contribution to the "perspiring arts".

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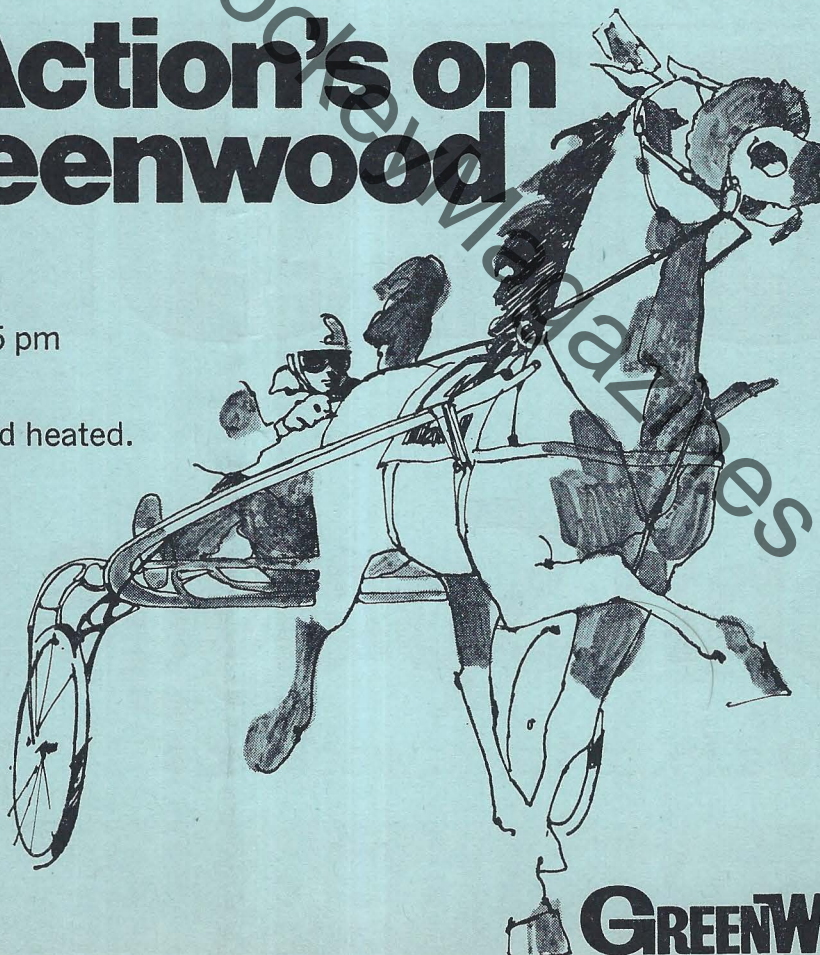
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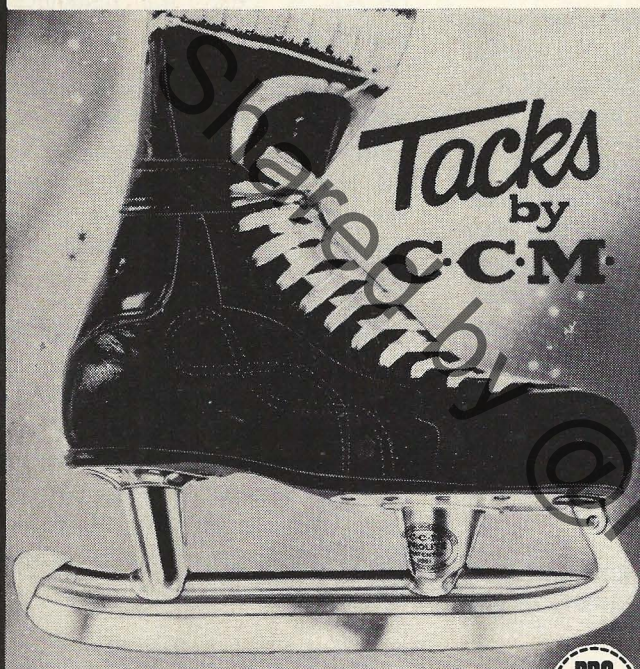


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# Expansion — A Second Look

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Bathgate, especially, has been prominent for Penguins, displaying some of the old fancy-dan stuff that made him one of the NHL's great stars.

The other forwards lack the lustre of the top four. The defense, anchored by Leo Boivin, Al MacNeil and Noel Price is reasonably sound. Goalies Hank Bassen and Les Binkley have been a surprise.

If Bathgate and the other three big scorers continue to play well and Earl Ingarfield can shake his injury problems, Penguins could move up to challenge Philly and L.A. However, they need increased aid from the supporting cast.



RED SULLIVAN, drafted more experienced players than any other team, but has been hit hard with injuries to key players.

**MINNESOTA** — Weak offense has hurt the North Stars. Erratic goaltending by Cesare Maniago and Gary Bauman hasn't helped, either.

The Stars have the makings of a solid defense in Elmer Vasko, Bob McCord, Bob Woytowich, Mike McMahon and Pete Goegan.

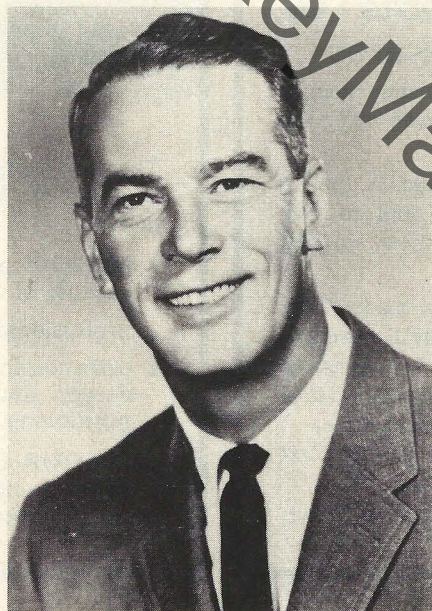
The lack of at least one established goal scorer is Stars' biggest problem. Dave Balon and Parker MacDonald, at one time, were prolific producers. However, Balon was on a strong line

at Montreal. McDonald was winging for Gordie Howe and Alex Devecchio when he was scoring 30 per season. North Stars, unfortunately, don't have players of that calibre to arrange scoring chances for either.

Wayne Connelly, Andre Boudrias, Bill Masterton, Bill Goldsworthy, Bill Collins, Ray Cullen and Ted Taylor are young enough to mature into competent major leaguers. All had impressive minor league backgrounds, but, like most players in the expansion division, were unable to cut it in trials with established teams.

The Stars hold the pro rights to several members of the Canadian National team, who may turn pro after the 1968 Olympics. The addition of forwards Gary Dineen, Dan O'Shea, Marshall Johnson, Paul Conlin and Ted Hargreaves plus defensemen Gary Begg, Barry McKenzie and Terry O'Malley would give Minnesota the finest collection of young talent in the expansion division and possibly the entire league.

No one is certain how many, if any, of the Nats will move to pro hockey.



BERT OLMSTEAD, things aren't going too well for him as the Oakland Seals struggle to get going.

**OAKLAND** — That proud old warrior, Bert Olmstead, must die a little every game, watching his col-

lection of mistifs flounder hopelessly, unable to assemble anything that resembles a consistent offence.

The optimism for the Seals at draft time came from the landing of goalie Charlie Hodge plus four defensemen — Bob Baun, Kent Douglas, Aut Erickson and Larry Cahan — of considerable NHL experience.

Hodge has played valiantly. The defense is tough, but unbelievably inefficient.

Seals are especially weak at centre. Wally Boyer, Charlie Burns, Billy Harris and Joe Szura are industrious, but industry alone doesn't put on the red light. After 23 games, the Seal centres have a collective total of five goals.

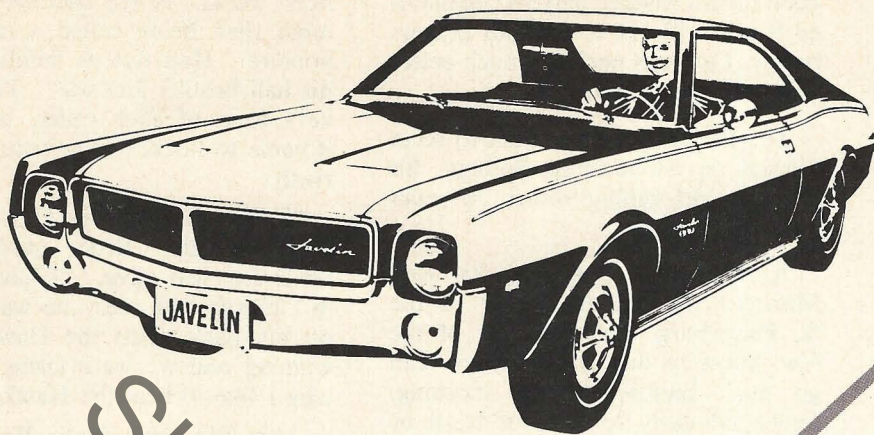
Bill Hicke and George Swarbrick are the only Seals who pass for goal scorers. Alain Caron and Tex Ehman have been big minor league shooters, but that's all in the past. Things are so bad Olmstead is using two converted defensemen, Tom Thurlby and Gerry Odrowski as forwards in recent games.

**ST. LOUIS** — Brave work by goalies Seth Martin and Glen Hall is about the only bright spot in the picture of the appropriately named Blues. After 20 games, when Blues were averaging exactly two goals per game, they traded their top scorer, Ron Stewart, to New York for penalty-killer Red Berenson and truculent defenseman Barclay Plager. Plager, at least, might provide a little entertainment.

Blues drafted some forwards with brilliant minor league backgrounds such as Terry Crisp, Wayne Rivers, Bill McCreary plus utility men Jim Roberts, Gerry Melnyk and Ron Schock from established NHL teams. They've found the majors a bit tougher. Don McKenney can score at the big league level but he's been hurt most of the season.

To fill injury gaps, Blues have to call up overage juniors and International League refugees. There appears to be no way St. Louis can evade the basement.





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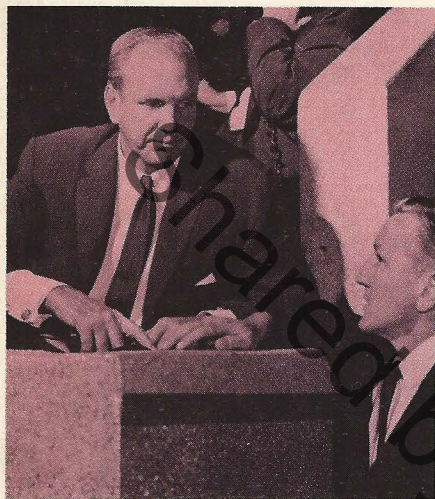
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Norris didn't think much of it. He said at the time: "I made a scintillating rush and scored. I was checked, landed on my stick and the ice at the same time. The main thing was that I scored three goals."



Norris and General Manager and Coach Sid Abel both like to keep their players happy. They believe a content team performs better.

Hockey has been in Norris' blood all his life. Son of the late James Norris, who purchased the Red Wings in 1933, and half-brother to the late Big Jim Norris, who owned the Chicago Black Hawks, Bruce has been in the background most of the time. He prefers it that way even today.

"I'm not keen on being in the lime-light," he said the other day. "I prefer they write about Sid Abel, Baz Bastien and the boys. They work hard for the club and they deserve the accolades if the team is doing well."

Asked whether he complains when the team is not doing well, Norris replied smiling: "My brother Jim used to say that us Norrises never complain unless we're behind."

The tanned blond, ruggedly-hand-some hockey official with the physique of a Viking who looms from his desk like Gulliver before the Lilliputians, has a soft spot for hockey players.

When Roger Crozier was having trouble a couple of years ago, it was Norris who suggested to Crozier to take a rest at the president's Florida retreat.

"I believe what's good for me is good for my hockey players," explained Norris. "I like to keep my players happy. They can perform much better when they're content."

The Detroit president likes to relax himself at Homosassa Springs, his hunting and fishing resort 70 miles north of Tampa.

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He directs the operation of three of the largest cattle ranches in the world, including 280,000 acres in Montana and 100,000 acres near Ocala, Fla., besides others in Georgia and the Dakotas. He's also a director of the Rock Island Railroad and the West Indies Sugar Corporation.

His fondness for hockey is evident in the names of the ships operated by Upper Lake Shipping Ltd., another of Norris' business interests. One of them is the Red Wing, of course.

In spite of his success in the business world, Norris detests nothing more than being called a multi-millionaire. He's not as flamboyant as his half-brother Jim was. They were very fond of each other, but when it came to hockey they were friendly rivals.

"I like to beat the Hawks more than anybody," Bruce used to say while Jim was alive. "I have to live in Chicago and everyone was getting on my back when the Hawks were winning and we were losing. That's why I like to beat the Hawks."

After Big Jim's death, Bruce took over as chairman of the NHL board of governors and he was one of the prime supporters of expansion.

Asked what he thought about expansion after two months of operation, Norris said:

"I'm a little bit surprised by the attendances on the west coast. Mind you, they have to compete with established professional sports and I think the attendances will eventually pick up. The impressive performances by the expansion teams will be some



Bruce Norris congratulates Floyd Smith for an important goal after a Red Wing victory.

help. What they need is some established super-stars. This may take a little while, but once they get them, the attendances should improve rapidly."

For his work on behalf of hockey and the Detroit Red Wings in particular, Bruce last month was elected to the Detroit Hockey Club Hall of Fame along with his late brother.

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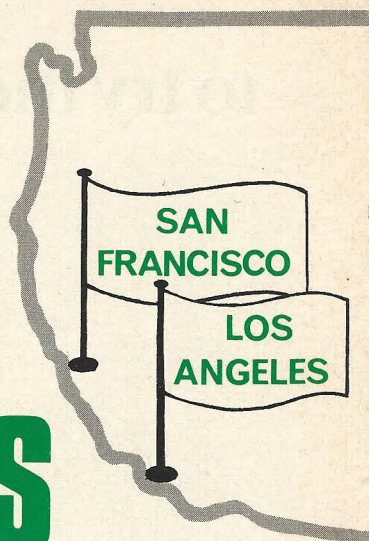


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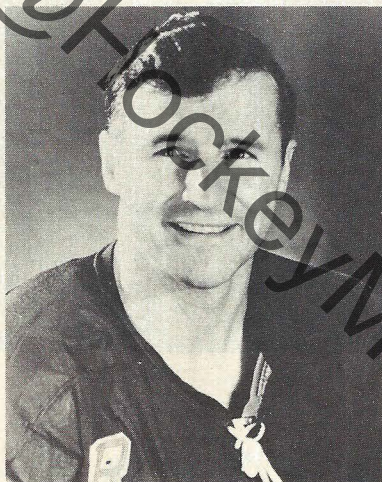
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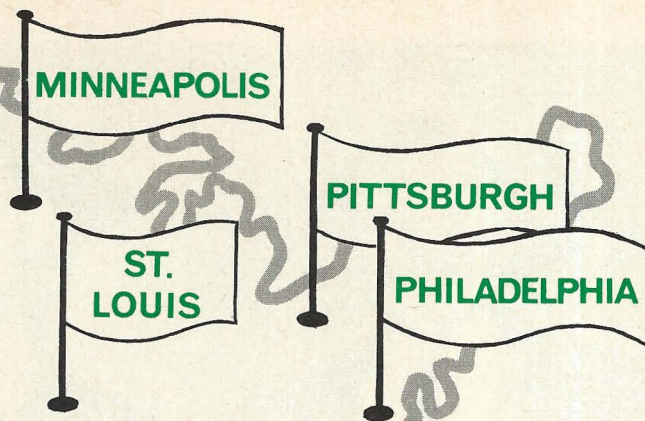


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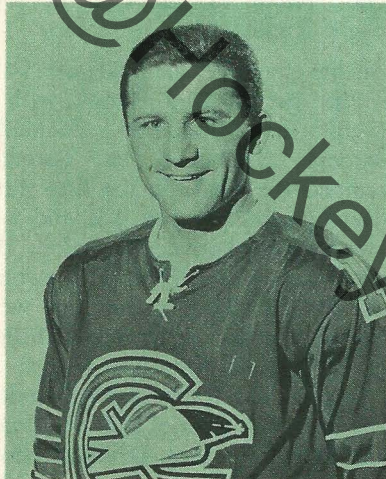
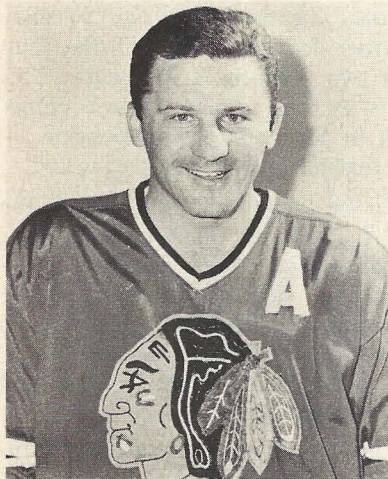




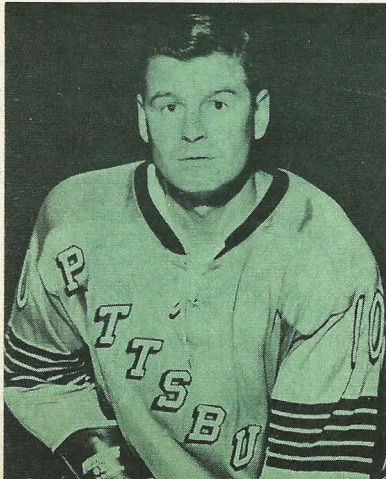


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WALLY BOYER, like many players in the N.H.L., came up through the Leaf team system. He moved on to Chicago and then was drafted by the Oakland Seals.



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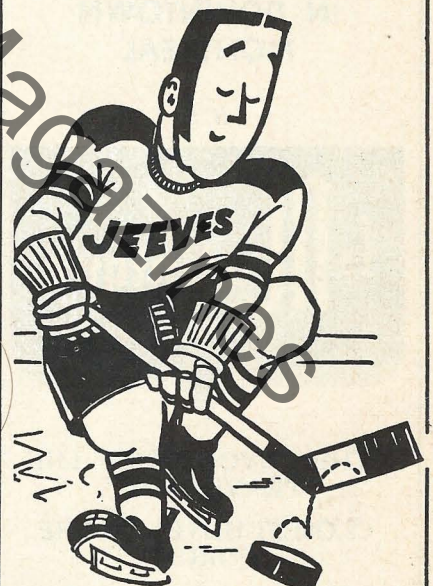
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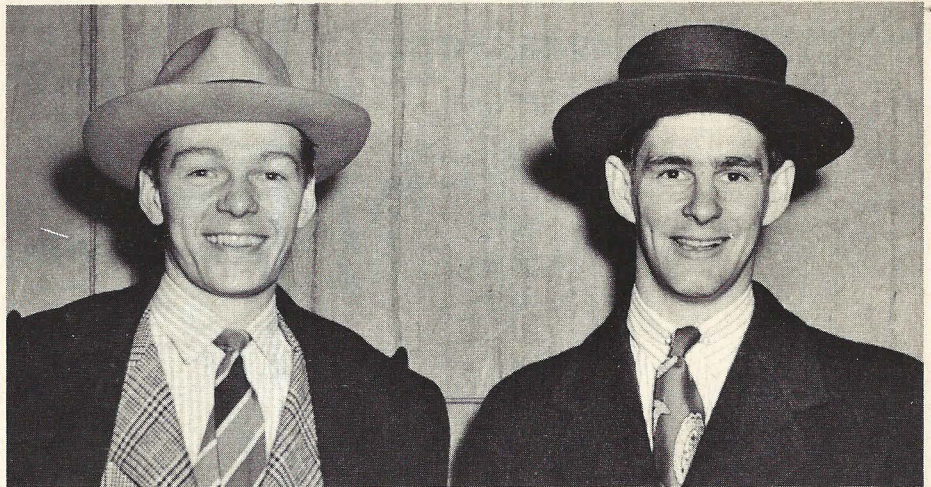
## "50 Years of Hockey"

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immediately. Shortly afterwards Smythe announced in Ottawa that most members of the team had joined the Toronto Scottish reserve. Meantime, players in other areas were joining the units of their choice.

This was the summer that Dick Irvin resigned as Toronto's coach to assume the same duties in Montreal, while Hap Day became his successor with the Leafs. Irvin arrived in Montreal in September, 1940 to look over his new team at training camp; a month later he announced he was aiming for a fourth place finish. In the same fall Ebbie Goodfellow was named playing coach of Detroit Red Wings, leaving manager Jack Adams free to attend Detroit's widespread farm system. This was the team Adams later stamped as "the best I've ever seen."

The Bruins enjoyed considerable success in 1940-41, establishing two records. Between December 22, 1940, and March 13, 1941, they went 15 games without a loss, getting 6 ties and 9 victories for the longest home



Wally Stanowski on the left and Bob Goldham, as they looked during their days with the Leafs.

undefeated streak (this was later tied by Detroit in 1951). Additionally, between December 22, 1940, and February 25, 1941, they went 23 games without a defeat, getting 15 wins and 8 ties. Rangers stopped the streak by beating them 2-0 in Boston.

When they took on Detroit, the Bruins swept to the Cup in four straight games.

In the Stanley Cup finals of 1941-42, the Detroit Red Wings, with a line-up that appeared decidedly mediocre compared to Toronto, swamped the Leafs in the first three games by scores of 3-2, 4-2, and 5-2. It was public knowledge before the fourth game that Hap Day would make drastic changes, but few were prepared for the benching of Drillon and McDonald who had played so well against the Rangers. McDonald's successor was rookie Bob Goldham while Don Metz took Drillon's berth. Metz scored three goals that night, and Toronto won 4-3.

Following that win with 9-3 and

3-0 victories the Leafs paved the way for a sensational seventh game which saw the Wings panic and make player changes. It was on the night of April 18, 1942, that Toronto won the Cup from the courageous fifth-place club. Described as the wildest Stanley Cup series on record, the last game was played in Toronto before 16,218 fans, the largest Canadian gathering yet for a hockey game. Veteran Sweeney Schriner led the Leafs to the Cup with two goals in a 3-1 win. This series marked a record for a comeback in Stanley Cup competition — one that has never been duplicated.

By the early weeks of 1942-43, the N.H.L. had lost ninety of its players to the armed forces, regular or reserve, but with the blessing of the Canadian and United States governments which decreed the game essential to national morale, professional hockey carried on.

The season was the start of an upsurge for the Montreal Canadiens that was to make them one of the flashiest

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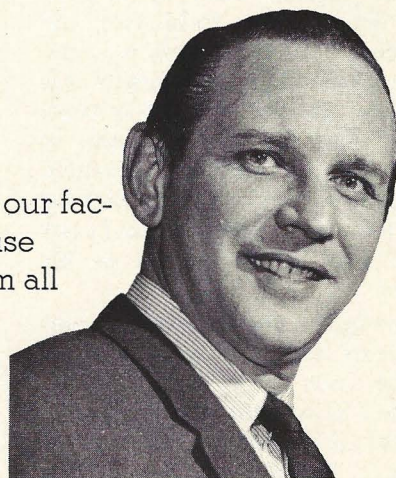
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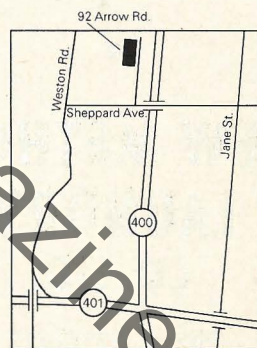
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and most powerful teams in the N.H.L. The Canadiens finished fourth at the end of the season and were to be the title holders for the next four, twice winning the Stanley Cup.

In late January, Frank Calder was heading a meeting of the governors in Toronto when Hap Day noticed that Calder was in pain. As two or three governors moved to his assistance, he assured them he was all right. Then he rose to his feet, and exclaimed, "My God, there is something wrong." In a short time it was announced he had suffered a heart attack. Red Dutton, en route to Montreal at the time, was appointed president *pro tem* with the blessing of Art Ross who suggested that Lester Patrick and Ed Bickle act as his advisers.

A far-sighted man, Calder had confided years earlier to his associates that he was grooming Clarence Campbell to succeed him as N.H.L. president, a job then paying an approximate \$12,000 per year. That soon became public knowledge, but

at the time Calder was stricken, Campbell was overseas. Less than two weeks after the heart attack, Calder died.

In 1943-44, the center red line was introduced to hockey, along with a new face-off rule. Both were received with mixed feelings, perhaps because the unpopular Art Ross had a hand in the changes. Frank Selke was quoted as saying: "Art Ross writes the rules and then lies awake nights figuring ways to circumvent them. It is an old Russian custom and I, for one, am sick of it. The N.H.L. is following Ross like sheep jumping

ers and wangled deals to get service rejects and teen-agers.

In late December Boston had won only eight games and Art Ross, Sr. termed his Bruins as: "The worst team I ever saw."

Late in January the Gardens welcomed Conn Smythe back to his old job. He had been seriously wounded overseas and was now out of the army. He said that he would concentrate for a time on League rather than club matters. A week later Smythe visited Montreal and commented on Maurice Richard: "He looks like Morenz from the blueline



Leo Lamoureux, with the Punch Line of Richard, Toe Blake, Elmer Lach and Gerry Heffernan, celebrate after a Montreal Canadian victory.

through a gate. The red line has turned hockey into a farce." Yet, despite the criticism, more people paid to watch the games than in any other comparable period in N.H.L. history.

By 1944-45 the war had ravaged the N.H.L. teams until some of them were mere ghosts of what they had once been. Teams jockeyed for play-

in." On December 28, the Rocket collected five goals and three assists to set a new record of 8 points when Canadiens beat Detroit 9-1 in Montreal. Richard went on to set another remarkable scoring record by becoming the first player to score 50 goals in one season. This feat was accomplished in a 50-game schedule.

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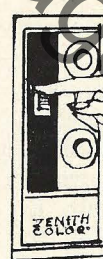
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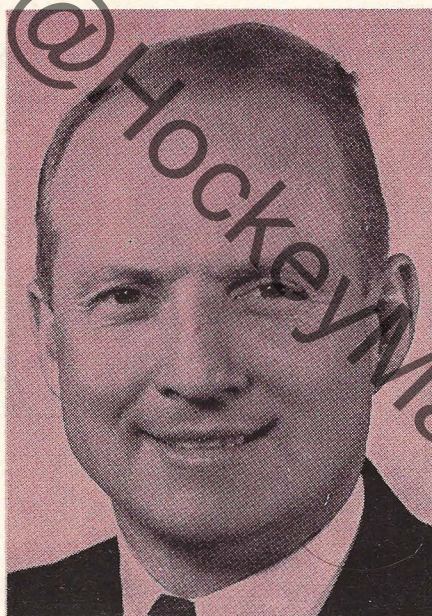
By HENRY ROXBOROUGH

MANY hockey fans are interested in a great player only after he has reached his peak; however they would probably appreciate the star much more if they were familiar with the player's earlier struggle to succeed. This was especially true in the career of Clarence (which he was rarely called) 'Hap' Day.

Young Day played his first team-hockey with Midland juniors in an arena which was six miles from home. The lad walked that distance before the game, played his match — and then dodged pneumonia while walking home wearing the same clothes in which he had played.

He was such a smart junior that hockey sponsors in Hamilton invited him to go south and play with Hamilton Tigers seniors. Hap was anxious to improve his hockey and also to obtain money for his education; so he headed for Tigerville. After two years in Hamilton, the youth enrolled in the Pharmacy course at University of Toronto. At U. of T. he continued playing intercollegiate hockey and his skill attracted the interest of Charlie Querrie who was then managing Toronto St. Pats in the National Hockey League. In Querrie's opinion, "Day is the best prospect I've seen in years. I'm going to try to land him for St. Pats".

Just as soon as Day graduated, Charlie asked the young defenceman,



CLARENCE "HAPPY" DAY

"How would you like to become a pro and play with my club?"

"Nothing doing", the pharmacist replied, "I'm just through college. If I play professional hockey, my years of study will be wasted".

Querrie still coaxed, "Hap, as I know you, you couldn't live if you were shut up in a stuffy store. Besides, you can make more money playing hockey than you can counting pills behind a counter. Do you know any druggist who could make \$50,000 in ten years — on the side?"

Day became interested, "On the side — what do you mean?"

Charlie explained, "You could still have your business. You could work steadily at it all summer and then have someone help out when you were on the road during the playing season. How about it?"

Day considered the idea and discussed it with his friend Conn Smythe who was then coaching university teams. The result was that Hap pursued his pharmaceutical career but also "moonlighted" as a professional hockey player. For two seasons Day alternated at defense, centre and left wing for St. Pats; and when Conn Smythe and associates bought the club, in 1926, for \$160,000, Day was one of the assets that went along with the franchise.

Hap continued playing good hockey but his career almost had an early tragic ending. One night in February 1928, Leafs were playing in Montreal when Leduc and Joliat came roaring-in on the Toronto defense, and when Hap tried to take Leduc out of the play both players crashed to the ice. Leduc, while trying to clear himself, accidentally stepped on Day's leg and his skate nearly severed Hap's ankle. Instantly, the Leaf's captain was carried to the dressing-room, then hustled to Westmount Hospital. At first it was feared the player would never regain the normal use of the foot, let



# from the PAST



Toronto fans may remember when these players toiled for the Leafs. Left to right are: Jimmie Fowler King Clancy Turk Broda Hap Day Red Horner

alone ever play hockey. Yet, six weeks later, with the foot still in a cast and wearing a shoe without a heel to permit leg-stretching, Day returned to Toronto. Then he was plagued with quinsy, tonsillitis, adenoids and mastoids; while his normal 180 pounds dwindled to 128. The prospects were dreary, but the patient never lost hope; and twenty months after the injury Hap was rewarded by the opportunity to again play the game he loved.

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taking a licking from Chicago Black Hawks. However, that initial defeat was not too disappointing for, in the same season, Toronto Maple Leafs with Hap Day as captain became Stanley Cup champions. Incidentally, Hap captained Leafs for ten years and, because he was so adaptable, he was paired with almost every defensive newcomer, including Ramsay, Duncan, Clancy, Levinsky and Horner.

During the 1930's, Day and his associates were a happy breed who played like champions yet skylarked like schoolboys on vacation.

For instance, prior to a game in Boston, Leafs were staying at the swanky University Club. During lunch, Day and Horner were bragging about their respective aquatic abilities when Hap ended all argument by offering to wager his defen-

Hap Day and King Clancy, two members of Hockey's Hall of Fame for their exploits as members of the Leaf Teams of the thirties.

sive partner that fully clothed including overcoat and derby hat and carrying his club bag, he could dive into the club pool from its highest point. Horner accepted; Day thereupon successfully made the big leap and collected the stakes.

Another time Leafs were playing an exhibition game in Syracuse. Day, Clancy and Conacher were assigned the same room; and following the customary 4:30 meal, the trio retired for a rest. What then happened was described by Clancy in one of Ed. Fitkin's good hockey books:

"I was tired, so I set the alarm for 7:30 and went to sleep. The alarm didn't go off but suddenly I woke up, looked at the clock and nearly died. It was eight o'clock and there I was all alone in the room.

"I was hopping mad because I figured Day and Conacher had gone to the rink without waking me — another one of their gags. So I pulled on my pants, grabbed the rest of my clothes and made a bee-line for the elevator while still dressing. People were staring at me wondering if I was crazy. I rushed through the hotel lobby and out to the street to hail a cab. All the time I'm cursing like a trooper when I happen to look up and see a clock and it says 6:30.

"That makes me wonder, so I stop a guy and ask what time it is; and when he says 'Half-past six' I begin to see a light. Those lugs, Day and

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Conacher had again given me the business. They had stopped the clock, moved the hands ahead to eight, then sneaked out quietly to wait for the fun."

While Day was usually a pranks-leader, there were times when he was on the receiving end. Once near midnight following a game, he was peacefully sleeping when Clancy and Primeau, who had just won four live chickens at a Church Bazaar sneaked into Day's room and released the fowl. Almost instantly there was an awful screech, a flapping of wings, a human roar; and a rush of other players into the room to join in the confusion.

While Day and his cohorts had more off-ice fun than possibly any team that ever played hockey, they were all business during a game and none was more concerned about the outcome than was the captain.

Hap played thirteen years with St. Patricks and Leafs, and spent another season with New York Americans. One of his N.H.L. achievements, that of scoring four goals in a single game, has not been bettered by a defenseman in nearly forty years. At 37, which was then old for those times, Day retired from active play; then he refereed for a couple of seasons before Conn Smythe chose him to coach Toronto Maple Leafs. Coaching was not a new avocation to Hap for, during the 1935-36 winter, even while regularly playing, he had coached West Toronto juniors to a national junior championship.

In the National Hockey League, during the 1940's, Day-coached teams were outstanding; for they won five



Hap at work behind the bench in the forties.

Stanley Cup titles in eight years and three of them were in succession. Hap's greatest coaching thrill probably came in the 1941-42 final series when Detroit Red Wings won the first three games and were leading halfway through the fourth. Then, after benching two regular stars, Day inserted two young replacements; miraculously, the tide turned and Leafs swept to victory by winning four games in a row to capture Lord Stanley's bowl.

While coaching, Day was a thorough teacher and was ever the gentleman. However, through the years his approach to players did change; for one of them later confided to me that in early contacts Hap always accompanied his instructions with polite requests, but later the

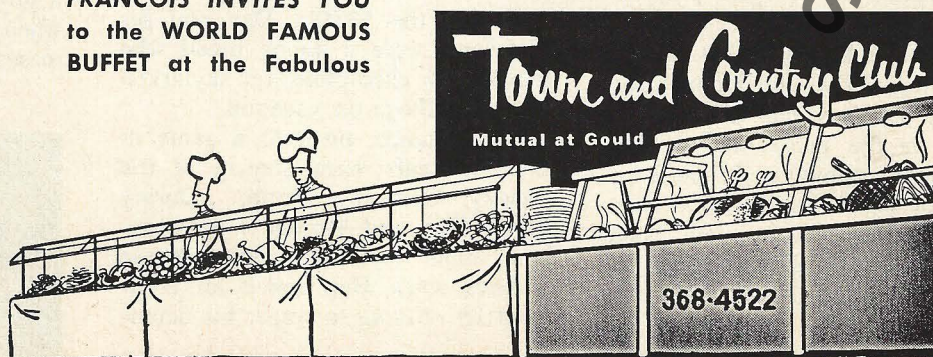
'pleases' were dropped and replaced by sharp commands.

Then, in 1950, after 26 years of close contact with professional hockey as player, referee and coach, Hap called it a Day; and retired to give full time to active business with Conn Smythe's interests and later to his own private industry. Even today, well into the sixties, he still retains his athletic appearance; and he handshakes with a vice-like grip that makes the greeter wince and count his fingers.

Professional hockey has been fortunate in the worthiness of its leaders and our present subject, Hap Day, has appropriately earned his place amongst the illustrious who are honoured in the Hockey Hall of Fame.



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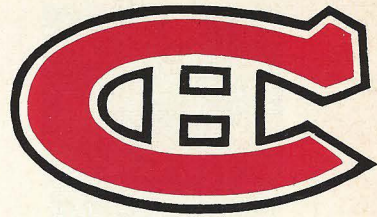
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# RENÉ LECAVALIER



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By **LOUIS CAUZ**  
Globe and Mail Reporter

**R**ENÉ LECAVALIER, an erect, slender, grey haired man, walked briskly into Maple Leaf Gardens past the hockey fans shouting, "who's got a pair of blues?"

The Montreal Canadiens were in Toronto that night and Lecavalier was here to describe the action over the CBC French television network.

The 49-year-old Montrealer for 16 years has been to the French-Canadian speaking miner in Noranda or the Eastern Townships' farmer what Foster Hewitt is to English speaking hockey fans from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

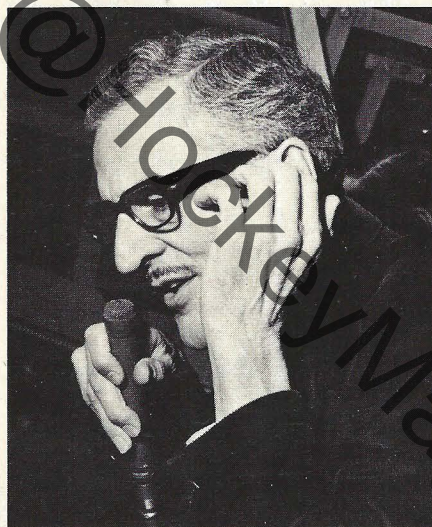
Lecavalier is a suave articulate play-by-play announcer who may be the best in the world.

More than one English speaking hockey announcer has marvelled at Lecavalier's deep, resonant voice that enunciates so distinctly when he says "Il Lance, Il Compte" (He Shoots, He Scores.)

This is the same strong, distinct voice which for so many years announced the news, soap operas and classical music programs over the CBC in Montreal.

Lecavalier doesn't mind telling you he eagerly accepted a salary of \$720 a year for his first radio announcing job. He earns close to that sum each week now.

He has progressed from the days when he said "CBF, Montreal" during station breaks to a respected sports personality who has travelled around the world to cover Olympic and British Empire Games.



RENÉ LECAVALIER has done the play-by-play of the Montreal Canadien games for the last 16 years.

He is a peer among the men in his trade.

As Lecavalier made his way toward the television studio in the Gardens, he met an acquaintance who was with another man.

Lecavalier was surprised when the stranger, who understood not more than a couple of phrases in French, said he had heard him many times.

"You're the fellow on TV who always interviewed the French speaking Canadiens in their dressing room after they'd won the Stanley Cup? You were always there," the man said.

"Why yes, I'm surprised you'd remember," said Lecavalier.

The stranger admitted that it was Lecavalier's voice more than his name that he remembered.

Lecavalier is proud of this voice. But he is a man who takes great pride in what he says.

He hates using clichés while describing a hockey game, phrases that other broadcasters would use many times a night.

"It's a hobby of mine, studying the language and finding new expressions. I also have listeners who send in ideas.

"Another thing I never do is call a man by anything than his name. It is never Boom Boom Geoffrion. It is Bernie Geoffrion. The same with Maurice Richard or his brother, Henri. It was never the Rocket or Pocket Rocket.

"But don't get me wrong, I'm not criticizing another announcer if he does this sort of thing. This is my religion, my training with the CBC."

Lecavalier is proud of that CBC training. He says it gave him a solid basis which later made him a complete announcer.

"It was a very strict school of preparation I went through."

Lecavalier, whose diction in English is as perfect as it is in French, was raised in an Irish neighborhood and attended school in Westmount, where many of Montreal's affluent English speaking citizens reside.

He graduated from Mont St. Louis College in 1937 at the age of 18 and went to work for CBC in Montreal.



"Why did I go into radio? I can't honestly answer that question except to say things in those days were tough and it was a job.

"At the time I joined the CBC it was just getting going. It had 30 employees. Also, at that time I had no idea I would some day wind up describing hockey games.

"When I went to work I was still dreaming of playing sports. I played junior hockey and I wanted an athlete's life."

Lecavalier was hired by the CBC as an office employee and worked in the accounting department. He would make out cheques for the artists.

For three years he did this job, an occupation he slowly began to dislike.

"One day our chief announcer said to me 'you're not happy here'."

Lecavalier agreed with the man, Omer Renaud, saying he thought there was something more in life than making out cheques for the accounting department.

Renaud said, "You might have a good speaking voice. I will give you an informal audition."

"For three years I'd been dashing in and out of studios but it never occurred to me that I could become an announcer. I thought you had to go to school and be trained."

Renaud at the time was doing the French version of the soap opera Big Sister and one afternoon gave Lecavalier the script and asked him to read.

"You're not too bad," said Renaud after listening to the 21-year-old accounting clerk.

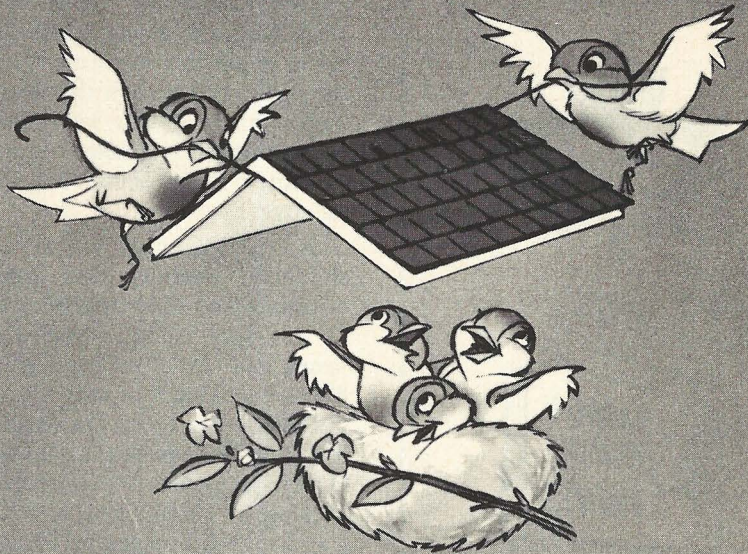
Renaud advised the young man to read out loud everything he could get his hands on and perhaps within six months he could become a staff announcer.

"A few days later I got my break. I got it because I just happened to be there, I was handy. Don't forget it was the wartime and we were understaffed, people were being transferred."

Lecavalier's job was to announce the name of the CBC station in Montreal. He was soon asked to give up his summer holidays to fill in and shortly afterwards Lecavalier was offered a three month trial to announce as a full time job. No longer was he asked to work in the accounting department and announce station breaks.

His starting salary was \$720. After three months it went up to \$1,200 and to \$1,500 three months later.

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## Bruno Gerussi

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crest on it was reaching to dizzy heights and the idol of all the kids was Charlie Conacher. We used to talk of his immense strength; how he could break a player's leg with his shot or shoot a puck through the boards. We built him up in our kid minds as a super human character, grossly exaggerated I now think, but we loved the myth."

Now 39, Gerussi has a particular childhood memory that stands out distinctly and is somewhat cherished. "I was very young, possibly around seven, and one of the big thrills of my life was making that long 60-mile trip to Calgary just to see the Maple Leafs play the Chicago Black Hawks in an exhibition game. Now, people think nothing of going from Red Deer to Calgary or Edmonton to Calgary just to see a show, but at that time just to drive 60 miles was a tremendous sort of excursion and a big thing in a kid's life.

"The only Black Hawk that remains in my mind is Mike Karakas, at that time their goaltender and, as I later found out, a brilliant one with a fine reputation. I've never forgotten that name. Naturally, Charlie Conacher stood out because he had all the glamor and was the player I most wanted to see. It's so clear in my memory I can still see it and I'm glad that I had the opportunity of seeing Conacher whose image grew even greater after that."

Perhaps, for a brief interlude in his early boyhood, Gerussi had dreams of becoming a hockey player, but they weren't lasting. All through high school in Vancouver he was prominent in track and field and did a lot of boxing, activities which do not seem synonymous with a man who likes Brecht on Brecht and so effortlessly hosts the CBC program "Words and Music."

While he loved sports and still enjoys watching them the theatre eventually wooed Gerussi to the arts. He studied at the Seattle Repertory Play House and later starred in Vancouver. Had he been born in Toronto or any other city which offered diversified interests he might not have become a hockey fan, but he was one and the spark of interest never died. "When I came east it was for the

exciting prospect of appearing at the Stratford Festival which was a great boost to my work, but in the back of my mind was always the idea that one of the most important things I had to do was get inside Maple Leaf Gardens and see the Leafs play.

"It took a long time for me to finally get my wish and, even though I was a grown man, I went to the game with the greatest feeling of anticipation. I experienced that very familiar feeling of butterflies in my stomach and it was a tremendous thrill actually being where the Maple Leafs had played for so many years."

The frequency with which Gerussi attends the games is influenced by his amount of free time and the avail-



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ability of tickets. "I would have to wait years to become a subscriber and even if I managed to do so my work wouldn't permit me to see all the games," he stated. Consequently, he goes when he can and the rest of the time he tries to be close to a TV set. "It's funny, that desire to see the games," he mused. "Even when I've been in a play that I enjoyed doing and willingly worked nights because it's my profession, come a hockey night I resented the necessity to act because I knew I would miss seeing a game.

"I love watching hockey so much that I often begrudge having to go elsewhere. If I'm invited out to dinner there's always that resentful feeling around 8:30 which lasts for five minutes, because I think I'd rather be sitting watching the game. I'm the type of fan who screams, rants

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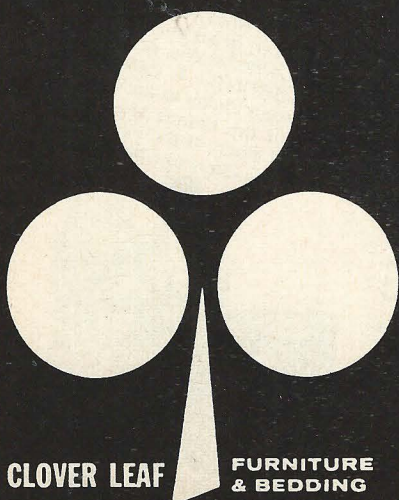


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## Bruno Gerussi

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and raves as I coach the team in front of a television set."

For Gerussi, watching hockey means doing something that is completely different; a form of therapy and a marvellous relaxer. "Hockey is a beautiful game to watch. I love the speed and the tremendous grace of the players," he continued. "Every player is essential to the game, but one cannot help but watch Hull,



In 1960, Gerussi played Romeo opposite Julie Harris as Juliette at the Stratford Shakespearian Festival.

Richard, Mahovlich, Mikita, Beliveau or Howe. In other words, a super star as they are called. A player may only be a degree better than anyone else, but it's very obvious that there is something there that the others really don't have. Maybe it's flamboyancy or ability or both.

"It's like watching a boxer that's a hair better than the other one. You know the difference and cannot help watching the better one. This applies to the theatre, too. Someone on stage who has that extra spark or personality is going to automatically catch the eye of the audience.

"Anyone who plays in the NHL has to be good, even the unpublicized players, and I'm sure there are others in lesser leagues who are also excellent, but not every player can get into the top league since it's a matter of numbers. When I see a player do something extraordinary I cannot resist jumping up and hollering."

Back on November 15, when Mike Walton scored his first NHL hat-trick and came close to collecting five goals

against the Boston Bruins an excited Bruno Gerussi was applauding in front of a TV screen. "That third goal inspired him to play even more brilliantly," he contended.

"When I don't permit myself to get carried away it's evident that some of the truly inconspicuous players contribute enormously to their respective teams. That's part of the fascination of hockey. Five or six men, all on the ice at the same time, become one; a team. Then someone suddenly erupts out of that knitted group and does something entirely on his own. That's part of the excitement of watching a sport that involves more than one person."

Because Fate decreed away back when that Gerussi be a Maple Leaf fan does not mean that he cannot watch and admire all the other teams. He's aware of Montreal's Jean Beliveau because he has class, but points out that he had all the glamour that adorns an NHL player when he was with the Citadels and Aces in Quebec City.

Given a choice, Gerussi would select a close checking game that suddenly breaks wide open. "The tight games are more interesting to watch at rinkside since there are many incidents one cannot hope to be shown on television. There's something thrilling about being in the building and watching the expressions of concentration on the players' faces and being part of a roaring crowd. Conversely, there are many things the eye misses that the camera picks up so it evens out."

Gerussi has not seen a game in any other NHL city and while he has met one or two players he knows none socially. Years ago he got to know "Babe" Pratt fairly well when he left the NHL to join the New Westminster Royals of the NHL as a player and later a coach. "I have a 15-year-old son," said Gerussi, "and about five years ago I took him to a game and afterwards Larry Mann took him into the Toronto dressing room. He came home with great big round eyes. The players had shaken hands and had been extremely nice to him. When they chatted one of them said: 'Oh, yeah, you're old man is pretty good at his job too,' and that really thrilled him."

In terms of statistics Gerussi is not that greatly engrossed with

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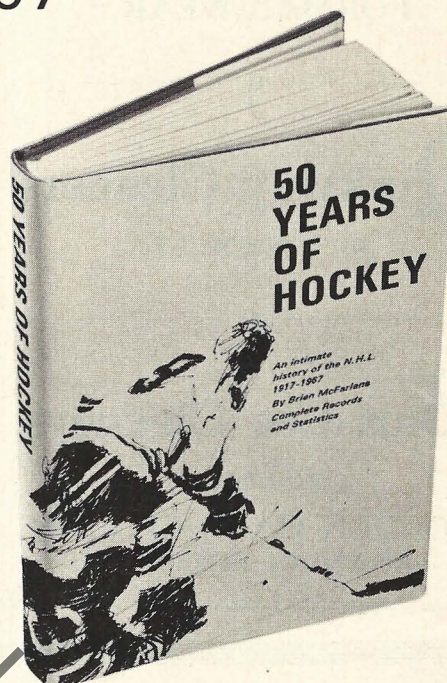
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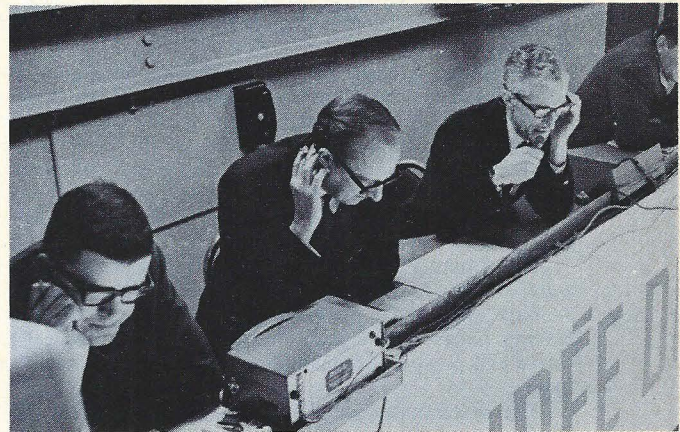
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The war caught up to Lecavalier in 1942. He went overseas and was attached to the British Foreign Office. He was with the Psychological Warfare Branch in 1944 and was posted to North Africa, broadcasting to occupied Europe.

Following the war he settled down as a staff news announcer. He also introduced the soap operas, the hour symphonic shows, chamber music, but rarely sports.

"It never occurred to me that I would some day broadcast hockey on radio and television. Anyway, at the time there was no opportunity as Michel Normandin was doing the Canadiens' games on radio. There was no TV at the time.



René and the French broadcast crew at work high above the ice on the east side of the Montreal Forum.

However, before TV came into Canada in 1951, Lecavalier did produce, direct, write and broadcast a sports show called *Le Magazine des Sports*.

"It helped establish a reputation in sports for me."

When TV arrived in Canada in the early 1950s, Lecavalier auditioned and to his surprise won the job as the French network's radio and TV announcer of the games in the Forum.

Lecavalier brought a new style to sports announcing. He wasn't brash and he didn't shout or become wildly excited. Every play wasn't crucial. He was relaxed. He reported what was occurring.

"This relaxed style seemed to please those who were listening. I thought for sure they'd switch me off. I guess there were many who thought I was dead."

Lecavalier, who had never called a hockey game, prepared himself for the audition by watching films of old NHL games and practiced calling the action.

He of course had often listened to Foster Hewitt describing Maple Leaf games and greatly admired him. But he didn't try to pattern himself after any particular hockey announcer.

"In the first years you can't really be yourself. All you try and do is not make mistakes and be as accurate as possible. As you go on you gradually build an identity.

Lecavalier considers himself a fortunate man to have called the Canadiens' games during their big years.

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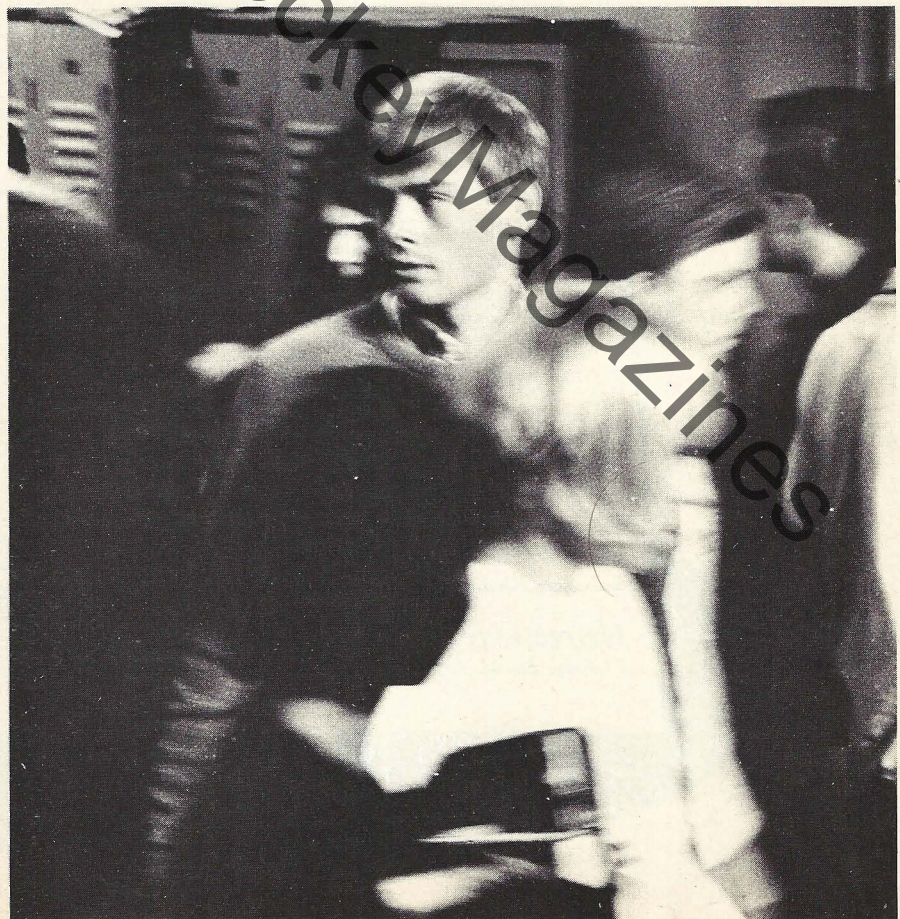
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hockey but he looked forward to expansion and is happy that the new teams are doing better than the experts anticipated. He's also interested in seeing how they stand up under all the travelling they must do. "They're travelling by plane which is a lot easier than some other forms of transportation, but it can be strenuous," he contended. "I've done one-night stands up to five months without a break and going everywhere by bus. I'd go to my hotel, look at my room, stash my clothes and go to work. One doesn't see much of his bed. To travel like that a person has to pace himself and use great concentration."

Asked to pick the team he most enjoys watching play against the Maple Leafs, Gerussi paused for a thoughtful few seconds and then named the Montreal Canadiens. "Over the years the Canadiens have consistently performed as a unit even though they have sagged a bit this season. Chicago has not got that reputation since they can suddenly fall apart. I like Montreal's ability

to jell as a club and still have individual stars."

The noted French-Canadian actor Jean Gascon leads to another reason why Gerussi chose Canadiens. "Gascon is a great friend of mine and also a great supporter of the Montreal team, so we have a constant but joking sort of feud. The French speaking actors get together with the English tongued actors and we watch the hockey games, argue and make small bets, all with a very great comradeship. I guess I relish the built-in rivalry of a Leaf-Canadien game."

Gerussi recalled one wild spring about three years ago when he was invited to Chichester, England, with the Stratford Shakespearian Festival to help celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. "It was during the Stanley Cup playoffs between the Leafs and Canadiens so we arranged with our company manager, who had returned to Canada, to wire the score to us period by period on a hockey night," he related. "We had our usual bets on the outcome since a number of French Canadians, Jean Gascon for one, were in the company. Each night we waited with baited breath and after every performance we

would tear backstage to see if the final score had come in. A bulletin board had been set up and there were some mad rushes between acts. On stage our minds were very much on the play, but the minute we got off our thoughts turned to hockey." A sad Gerussi eventually learned that Canadiens had ousted his Maple Leafs.

The United States has been beckoning Gerussi for some time now, but he's a Torontonion by choice, a widower raising two children, and he'll only go when insight tells him it's the auspicious moment.

A long time ago he substituted words for the boxing gloves he used to wear and it has been said that he can verbally tear an opponent to shreds with less effort and greater dexterity than boxing required. Reminded of that he laughed, slightly abashed, and explained that it has happened only a couple of times when he was extremely provoked.

He's been labelled as a tough, hard-as-nails man who grew up the hard way and has not forgotten the struggle. Under the black leather jacket, olive skin and eyes that tell a story, I think there's a very soft heart.



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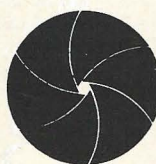
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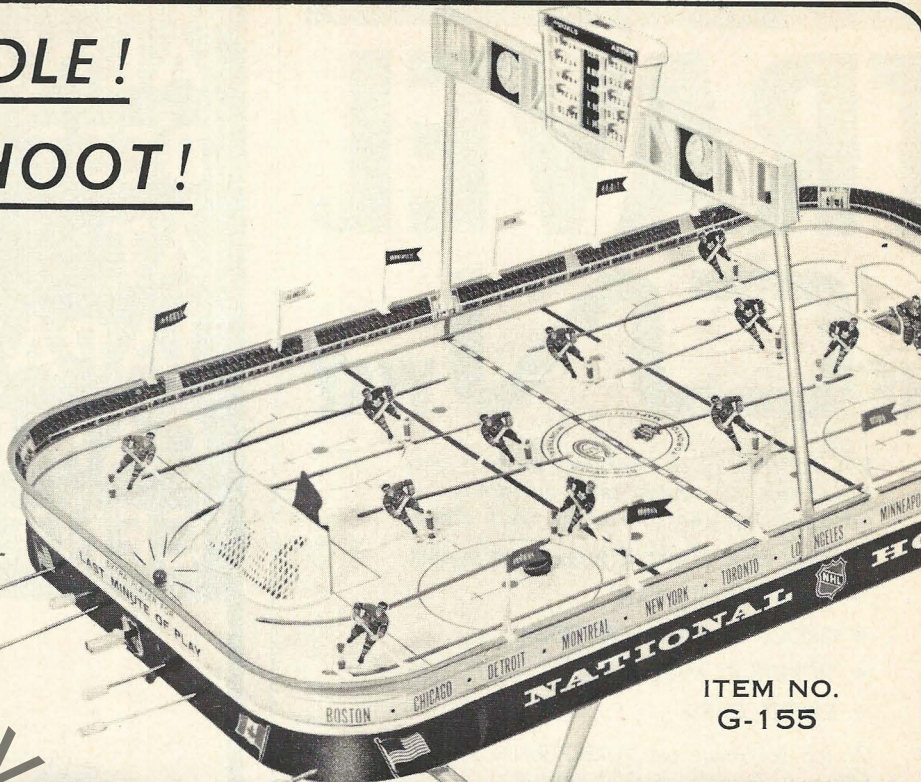


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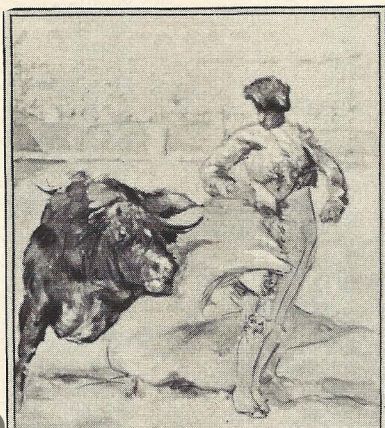
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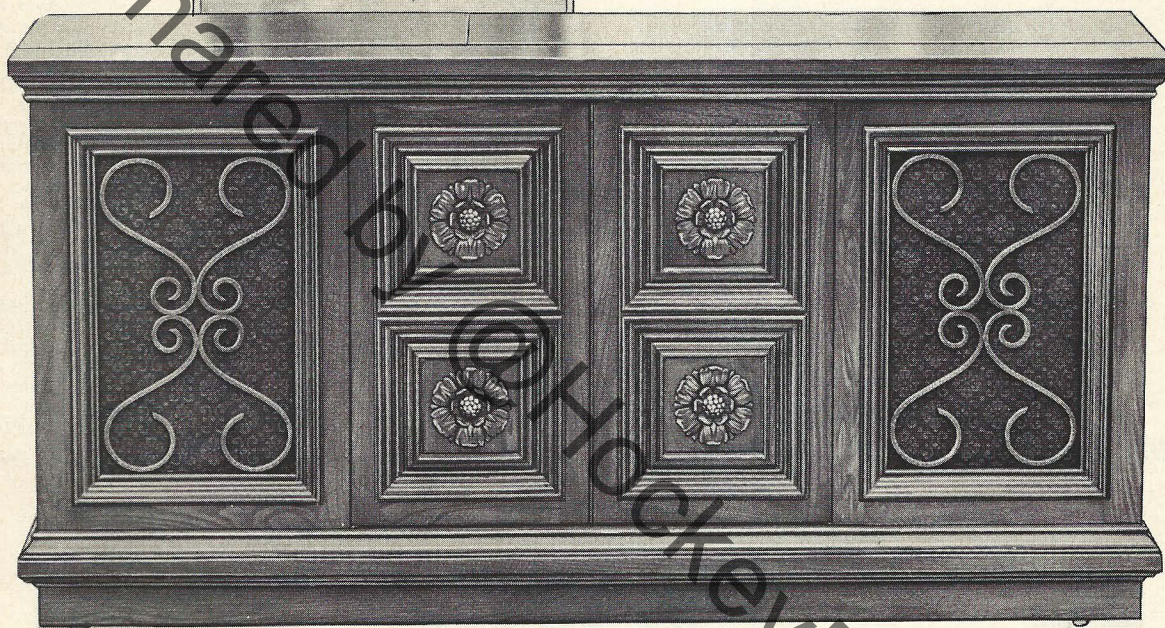
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157		Pittsburgh	at	Toronto	202	Sat. " 30	California	at	Montreal
158		New York	at	Chicago	203		St. Louis	at	Toronto
159		Los Angeles	at	Minnesota	204	*	Boston	at	Minnesota
160		California	at	St. Louis	205	*	Chicago	at	New York
161	Thurs. " 14	Chicago	at	Detroit	206		Detroit	at	Pittsburgh
162		St. Louis	at	Philadelphia	207	*	Philadelphia	at	Los Angeles
163	Fri. " 15	Boston	at	California	208	Sun. " 31	Toronto	at	New York
164		Minnesota	at	Los Angeles	209		Boston	at	Detroit
165	Sat. " 16	Detroit	at	Montreal	210		California	at	Chicago
166		New York	at	Toronto	211		Los Angeles	at	Philadelphia
167		Boston	at	Los Angeles	1968				
168		Chicago	at	Pittsburgh					
169		Philadelphia	at	St. Louis	212	Wed. Jan. 3	Toronto	at	Montreal
170		Minnesota	at	California	213		Boston	at	New York
171	Sun. " 17	Montreal	at	Detroit	214		Los Angeles	at	Minnesota
172		Toronto	at	Chicago	215		California	at	St. Louis
173		St. Louis	at	New York	216	Thurs. " 4	Boston	at	Philadelphia
174		Pittsburgh	at	Philadelphia	217		California	at	Detroit
175	Tues. " 19	California	at	Los Angeles	218		Los Angeles	at	Pittsburgh
176	Wed. " 20	Toronto	at	Montreal	219	Sat. " 6 *	New York	at	Montreal
177		Detroit	at	New York	220		Boston	at	Toronto
178		Boston	at	Chicago	221		Detroit	at	Chicago
179		St. Louis	at	California	222		Philadelphia	at	Pittsburgh
180	Thurs. " 21	Minnesota	at	Philadelphia	223		Minnesota	at	California
181		Pittsburgh	at	Los Angeles	224		Los Angeles	at	St. Louis
182	Sat. " 23	California	at	Montreal	225	Sun. " 7	Montreal	at	Detroit
183		Detroit	at	Toronto	226		Toronto	at	New York
184		Boston	at	New York	227		Boston	at	Chicago
185		Philadelphia	at	Chicago	228		Pittsburgh	at	Philadelphia
186		Minnesota	at	Pittsburgh	229		Los Angeles	at	California
187		St. Louis	at	Los Angeles	230	Wed. " 10	Montreal	at	Pittsburgh
188	Mon. " 25	Montreal	at	Chicago	231		Detroit	at	Toronto
189		Toronto	at	Detroit	232		New York	at	Chicago
190		New York	at	Philadelphia	233		Philadelphia	at	Minnesota
191		California	at	Boston	234		St. Louis	at	California
192		Los Angeles	at	Pittsburgh	235	Thurs. " 11	Montreal	at	Philadelphia
193		St. Louis	at	Minnesota	236		Detroit	at	Boston
194	Wed. " 27	Montreal	at	Toronto	237		St. Louis	at	Los Angeles
195		Minnesota	at	New York	238	Fri. " 12	Toronto	at	Pittsburgh
196		Chicago	at	Boston	239	Sat. " 13	Boston	at	Montreal
197		California	at	Pittsburgh	240	*	Pittsburgh	at	Toronto
198		Los Angeles	at	St. Louis	241		New York	at	St. Louis
199	Thurs. " 28	Minnesota	at	Montreal	242		Chicago	at	Detroit
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